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Food Minister To Investigate

London, Apr. 12.—The Minister of Food, Mr John Strachey, said today that he took a "particularly grave view indeed" of an incident of racial discrimination in which a London restaurant refused to serve a meal to an unnamed coloured man, described as "an extremely distinguished lecturer of London University, well known in his own part of Africa."

He said he had already told Parliament that he considered that the interests of the British Commonwealth were most seriously injured by an example of racial discrimination such as this appeared to have been.

"I am investigating the incident and will take appropriate action," he said.

"UNCHRISTIAN ACTION"

Mr Thomas Driberg, who raised the matter in the House of Commons, said this "grossly unchristian and undemocratic action" offensive to many millions of British subjects, would have "very grave repercussions in our African colony."

Mr John Lewis, Labour, said the proprietor of the establishment—Rites Restaurant—in one of the principal West End thoroughfares—the Strand—had made a statement justifying his attitude.

In the circumstances, would the Minister be prepared to say, if cases of discrimination, racial, colour or creed, were brought to his notice, he would withdraw the restaurant's food licence?

Mr Strachey said there seemed to be no doubt that the incident took place, but he had not been able to investigate it fully.

"I must not arrive at a conclusion before having done so," he said.

CUSTOMERS OBJECT

Mr Tom Bell, the managing director of the restaurant, said at the time of the incident that he was not prejudiced against coloured people, but most of his customers objected to them.

"In this particular instance, a white man booked a table and arrived with a coloured South African who is a University professor, whose name I do not know. In order to respect the wishes of our customers, we have made it a rule of the restaurant not to serve coloured people. If we allow coloured people, they would only be unpopular with the white customers and that would be bad for business. Coloured people should go to restaurants where they are welcome,"—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

An Unalterable Date

ON May 15 the British Mandate for Palestine is being terminated in conformity with the expressed and unanimous will of the United Nations. Suggestions are being made that it should be postponed, that Britain should continue for another few months to be responsible for maintenance of law and order. They come too late. Mere prolongation of the Mandate for a few months would achieve nothing. The situation in August would not essentially differ from the situation in May. It has not essentially changed for many years. There would be no purpose in discussing here the right and wrong, the wisdom or folly, of past policies—of the Balfour declaration, of the League of Nations Mandate and so on. The past is unalterable. We are concerned only with its effects. And the effect of old policies has been that there are in Palestine today—in a country the size of Wales—two peoples contending for supremacy: peoples of different languages, religious traditions; neither desiring to blend with the other into a common nationality; each insistent on remaining distinct and on becoming dominant. That is the delicate situation with which the British Government has been trying to cope for nearly 30 years. As the Mandate Power it has for most of the period managed to impose peace; it has provided a good administration; it has promoted the economic development of the country. It has, in fact, been a benevolent foreign despot. It could do no more. And that clearly is not enough. A permanent foreign despotism, however benevolent, is acceptable

Hunger Assails Ruined Bogota

Prof. Joad's Offence

London, Apr. 12.—Dr Cyril E. M. Joad, author and broadcaster who became, during the war, Britain's No. 1 exponent of popular philosophy, was today fined £2 and ordered to pay £21 5s costs after he had pleaded guilty to travelling on a train without a ticket.

He was summonsed for travelling from London to Salisbury, Wiltshire, with intent to avoid payment of the 17/6d fare.—Reuter.

AIR SPEED RECORD

British Plane Flies At 605.23 MPH

Hatfield, Hertfordshire, Apr. 12.—A 26-year old former fighter pilot, John Derry, tonight completed a 100-kilometre international closed circuit in six minutes, 9.6 seconds, at a speed of 974,025.9 kilometres per hour (605.23 miles per hour).

This beat the existing record by over 64 kilometres an hour.

Derry was flying a De Havilland 108 research plane. This is a peculiar bat-shaped little machine with a protruding shark-like stabilising fin and swept-back wings.

The time and speed were officially confirmed by the Royal Aero Club officials acting on behalf of the Federation Aeronautique Internationale.

Derry said: "The conditions were very good. The highest speed I recorded was 1016 kilometres per hour on one of the legs."

The flight was sponsored by the British Government and the De Havilland Aircraft Company.

The previous record was set up in Hampshire in February by M. J. Littlejohn in a Vickers Attacker jet-propelled fighter.—Reuter.

CITY WILL TAKE 5 YEARS TO REPAIR

Colombia Breaks With Russia

Bogota, Apr. 12.—Hunger spread today through the blasted Colombian capital heavily damaged by a wild weekend of bloody rioting, looting and burning. However, amid the ruins of this once beautiful mountain city the chiefs of 21 delegations to the Inter-American conference met to decide whether to carry on their work despite the wrecking of their headquarters in the capital.

It is doubtful that the conference could be continued in Bogota. It will cost millions of dollars to repair the city and an estimated five years to put it back into normal working order.

Although the government claimed that order had been restored, police and army troops were extending control from the centre of the city outward. Snipers were being routed from their strong points with rifle fire at times and with anti-tank guns when they were too strongly entrenched.

The Communists certainly participated in the revolution. They have been distributing milk and meat. The farmers were assured of aircraft protection along the highways. A delayed Reuter's dispatch from Bogota said that there was no electricity, that the water supply was contaminated, that bodies were rotting in the streets.

Planes were flown in to take some of the Pan American Congress delegates to Panama, although senior officials of the nations, including Mr George Marshall, the American Secretary of State, were staying on to get the Western Hemisphere unity talks restarted. People looting in the streets today in greater numbers than at any time since Saturday, were searched by troops, and were forbidden to enter the area of the Capitol, where the Conference is meeting.

A correspondents' pool dispatch, carried out of the country by plane and sent from Panama, put the deaths at about 500. Reuter's correspondent in the city put the total damage from arson, wanton looting and wanton destruction at more than £2,500,000, and said that a four-mile stretch of one of the city's main thoroughfares was blocked by the flames still licking out of masses of rubble.

"AGENTS" ARRESTED
The breaking off of diplomatic relations followed on the Government's announcement that two "Soviet agents" had been arrested, and that 13 unidentified foreign agents had been "caught" fomenting trouble.

Some of these, the Government Radio said, were taken alive. The Government argument that the revolt was inspired by Communists seemed today to rest on the assumption that neither Liberals nor the Conservatives would have killed Dr Jorge Eliecer Gaitan, the Opposition Liberal Party leader, whose assassination on Friday touched off the whole show.

In Washington, officials held that there was no real proof of the Colombian charges against Communism, but that there seemed to be considerable circumstantial evidence. Reuters reported from Bogota that the Communist headquarters, opposite to the Capitol, was untouched amid the general wreckage.—Reuter.

AND THEN ONE ON HONGKONG?

London, Apr. 12.—The Colonial Secretary, Mr Arthur Creech Jones, said in the House of Commons tonight he hoped to make a statement on claims in respect of war damage and losses in Malaya soon.—Reuter.

When the rains come there will be no more restrictions. But until then

Save Water



General Lucius D. Clay (left), American military governor in Germany, and his British counterpart, Lieut-Gen. Sir Brian Robertson (right), met in Berlin to discuss what action would be taken against travel restrictions imposed in the Soviet zone separating Berlin from Western German zones.—AP Wirephoto.

ARMED ARABS HOLD-UP VISCOUNT SAMUEL'S SON

Palestine Truce Discussions

Jerusalem, Apr. 12.—The Honourable Edwin Samuel, eldest son of Viscount Samuel, was held up at gun-point today by two armed Arabs in Jerusalem.

He was told: "Come with us or we shoot". The incident occurred in St Julian's Way, Jerusalem, in broad daylight, less than 50 yards from British troops manning the entrance to the security zone.

One of the armed Arabs stuck a gun in his stomach, grabbed him by the collar and started to pull him towards the Arab quarter. A second Arab gunman came up on the other side.

The Hon Mr Samuel shouted for help and began to struggle with his abductors. Breaking free, he sprinted for the safety of the security zone, and flashed past the sentries before they could open fire. "They did not have time to ask me for my identity card," he commented afterwards.—Reuter.

INFORMAL TRUCE TALKS

New York, Apr. 12.—A special on-the-spot truce commission is likely to be sent to Palestine in the near future, observers here believed as a result of today's informal Security Council discussions on a trusteeship and truce.

The Russian delegate, M. Andrei Gromyko, attended the meeting, held in the American delegate, Mr Warren Austin's, office for the first time.

A number of members made suggestions for the terms of a truce to be proposed to the Arabs and the Jews. It was understood there was general approval for establishing a special commission which would be an agent of the Security Council to observe the implementation of the truce on the spot.

The basis of the truce, it was reliably learned, would be a "standstill agreement" which would "freeze" the Arab and Jewish forces in their present positions, where they would be expected to cease fire.

It was recalled that the Jews have consistently claimed that the only real truce could come about when about 7,000 Arabs who have infiltrated into Palestine from outside were forced to withdraw.

An American spokesman stressed after today's meeting that the proposal for a commission would have to be submitted for Washington's approval.

CEASE FIRE RESOLUTION

Another suggestion today, which appeared to find favour, was that the Security Council should, as soon as possible, pass a resolution calling on both parties to cease fire.

Mr Austin stressed the importance of protecting the holy places

Democracy Thing Of The Past

The Two Oswalds Reach A Conclusion

London, Apr. 12.—Oswald Pirow, leader of the South African "New Order" movement, said at a joint press conference with Sir Oswald Mosley, here today that he considered "Democracy, like Fascism and National Socialism, is a thing of the past."

"I think we are in a stage of development of which it would be foolish to predict the future and it is possible something new will evolve," he declared.

Mr Pirow, a former Union Defence Minister and a leading advocate of South African neutrality during the second World War, is visiting Britain to discuss relations with Sir Oswald's Union Movement.

Sir Oswald, founder of the pre-war British Union of Fascists, was interned throughout the war for security reasons.

EX-FASCIST AGREES

Agreeing with Mr Pirow's view, Sir Oswald said present-day facts necessitated a political creed "beyond Fascism and Democracy."

Mr Pirow said the main reason for his visit was to discuss personally with Sir Oswald the implications of his Union Movement in relation to the development of Africa "south of the Sahara."

Development there, he said, could only be effected by the wholehearted co-operation of all the colonial powers. In such a scheme, Germany would have to be accepted as "a complete equal."

The alternative to such an all-embracing European plan seems to be to be at worst the complete Bolshevisation of Europe, and, at best, a nauper existence on America," he said.

Mr Pirow said he had negotiated with Hitler in 1933 with the consent of Mr Neville Chamberlain, (Britain's pre-war Prime Minister, now dead), concerning a Jewish National Home—possibilities being Tanganyika, Madagascar and British Guiana.

He thought the scheme might have been carried out but for the outbreak of war.

THIRD WAR INEVITABLE

Mr Pirow considered a third world war, this time against Russia, as inevitable. South Africa would be in it "up to the hilt," he added.

"I do not see how Europe can recover until the Russians have been pushed back into Asia, where they belong," he said.

Mr Pirow said he would probably visit the United States. He might go to Spain and Portugal next week. He had friendly contacts in all three countries.

Sir Oswald said that his movement firmly intended to fight Britain's next general election.—Reuter.

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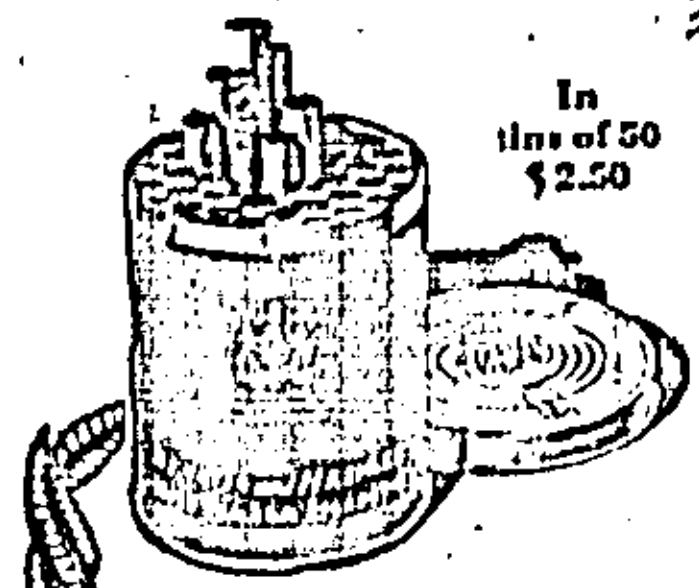
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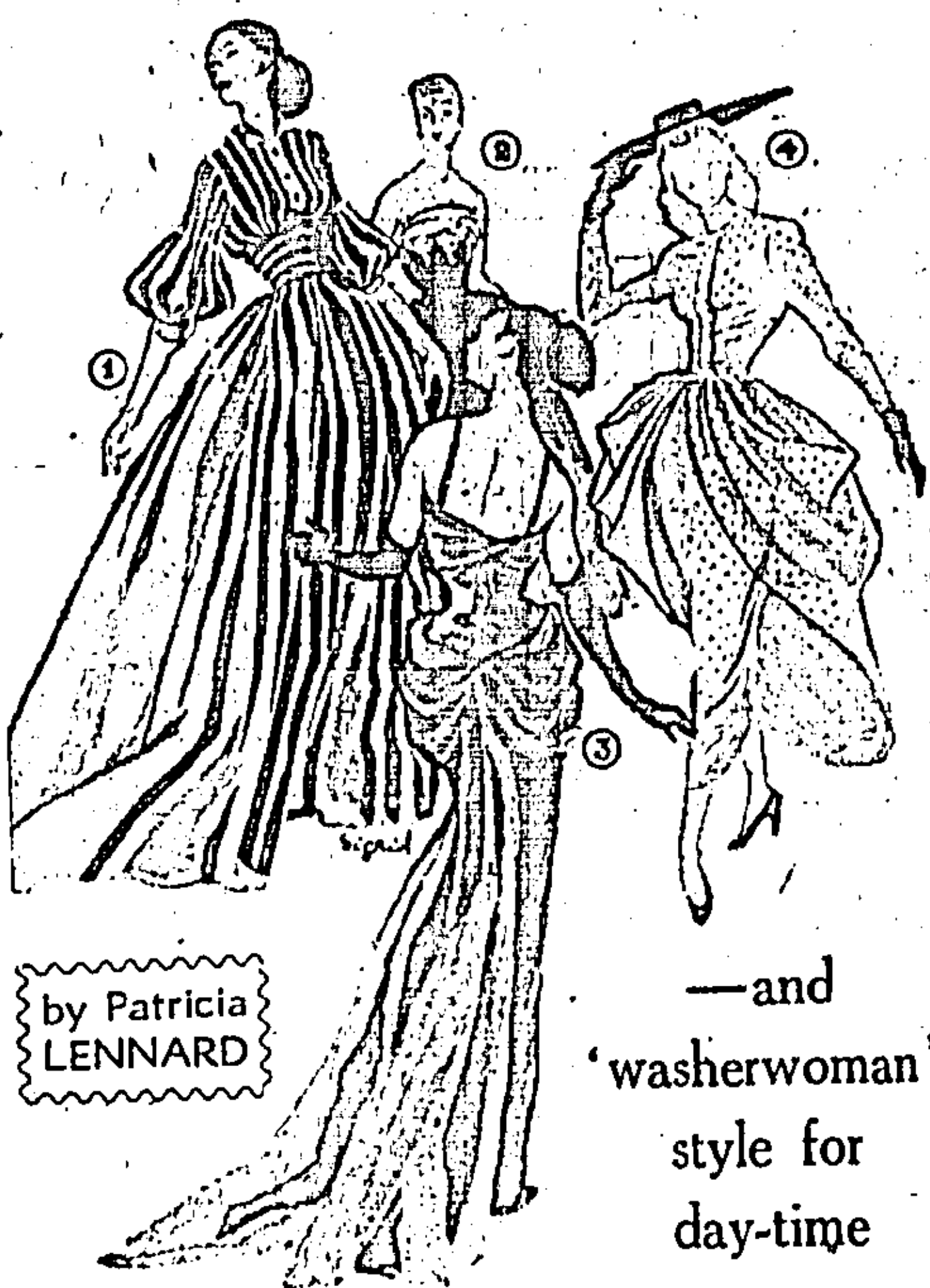
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HUMBUG STRIPES FOR EVENING



by Patricia LENNARD

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day-time

ALTHOUGH stripes have disappeared temporarily from day dresses, British designers have brought them back in evening dresses—in humble striped cotton.

Norman Hartnell's humbug pink-and-white striped cotton dress (1), has a shirtwaist bodice and full skirt crisping the curves of the New Fresh Look. Upper sleeves, bodice and wide inset cummerbund are tucked.

Another Hartnell model (2) is a variation of his classic strapless crinoline in light green Scotch satin. The white satin bodice is hand-

embroidered with clusters of white lilac.

For those who prefer the fitted, public-skirted evening dress, Wallace has made a draped dress (3) in glowing rose slipper satin, with an hour-glass-silhouette. Apron drapery over the hips is caught back into drapery that widens to the hem, trails behind on the ground.

Attractive afternoon frock (4) from the spring collections is a Victor Stiebel's grey silk foulard "washerwoman" dress spotted in white. Sleeves and fly-front fastened bodice are closely fitting, waist tight, over a double skirt. The top skirt is drawn up and gathered into the waist over a pencil-slim underskirt so that it swells out like a ship's sails.

Infant With Whooping Cough

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D.

EVERY parent should realize that whooping cough is a serious condition in the young infant and one which may prove fatal in babies under a year old. Though not as a rule deadly in older children, it is most troublesome and distressing because of the prolonged coughing attacks, vomiting, and loss of weight and strength.

Whooping cough has a deceptive, mild start, causing only a slight cough, with perhaps a bit of fever and a little nasal discharge at first.

Severe Coughing

As the condition progresses, the symptoms become worse, and severe storms of coughing occur. At the end of the coughing attack, the patient usually draws in the breath sharply. This produces a crowing sound known as the whoop.

A vaccine is available which can be given to children to help prevent whooping cough. If these inocula-

tions do not prevent the attack, at least they make it much milder. Even if an infant develops whooping cough, prompt treatment with this vaccine within a few days after the symptoms develop, will help to lessen the severity of the symptoms. At the Chicago Municipal Contagious Disease Hospital, it has been found that with proper treatment the dangers of this disease are greatly reduced.

Fresh Air Important

The patient should be in bed for at least two or three weeks. Fresh air is important. When the patient is allowed to be up and around, sunshine will be of benefit. Cold air, chilling smoke, dust, overexertion and cold drinks all may bring on attacks of coughing and vomiting, and hence should be avoided.

The food given to the patient should be easily digestible and should contain all of the necessary vitamins. If the vomiting attacks are severe the patient may be given thick cereals, as they are not vomited up so easily.

It does not seem possible to check the coughing attacks by the use of medicines, and it is not well to attempt to stop these attacks completely since during the coughing, the secretions in the bronchi or small tubes in the lungs are brought up. Sedatives or quieting drugs like the barbiturates may be used to promote sleep and rest when coughing interferes with them too much.

Good Results

In recent times, what is known as pertussis immune serum has been used in the treatment of whooping cough and seems to give good results if injected early in the course of the disease. This serum is blood serum taken either from persons who have recently recovered from whooping cough or from animals. The animals are given injections of the whooping cough vaccine and later the blood serum is withdrawn from them and preserved for use in treating children. As a general rule three or four doses of this serum are used, given at two-day intervals.

The chief danger of whooping cough lies in the development of pneumonia as a complication. The sulfonamide drugs and penicillin are, of course, beneficial should pneumonia occur and it may even be useful in warding it off.

EASTER BONNET



Spring hat in London for the Easter parade. Designer Dolores calls this one Cherry-ripe. In red felt, it is trimmed with cherries and spotted veiling, ties under the chin with a black velvet ribbon.

RED RYDER



Just Some Bandits



By Fred Harman



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Watch Out for "Lazy" Posture



Good posture and graceful carriage gives Screen Star Ellen Drew lovely shoulder contour.

By HELEN FOLLETT

WITH strapless evening gowns, shoulders have the spotlight on them. When you're all togged up, sit to put the other woman's eye out, are you satisfied with yours? If not, it is possible that you'll have to whip a lazy spinal column into action. The pose of the back has much to do with shoulder contour. Good posture and graceful carriage should be the ambition of every woman. They make for style in appearance as no lovely dry goods will. They give body lines manner and character.

Unless the spinal column is held correctly, the chest goes into a state of collapse, shoulders are thrown forward and, if you are a member of the skinny contingent, collar bones pop out and form little shelves.

Main Support

The spinal column is the main support of the human figure. It has thirty-four joints that provide sup-

pleness of motion. Between these joints are tiny cushions that lose tone and elasticity if one does not exercise.

Letting the shoulders go forward will eventually build for you a neat little hump on your upper back. You won't like that. The family will be forever giving you a thumb, telling you to stand erect. Back slumping is the supreme insult, especially to a young girl. But it is often coming to her.

Shoulder Bracer

Nature provided us with shoulder braces in the form of muscles. You can strengthen these fibres by doing arm-swinging exercises which will eventually mould your shoulders to pleasing lines.

Double up your fists. Let them hang at your sides. Bring them forward on a line with your chest. Swing them to the sides, then forward, touching the hands together. Twenty times of that. Then, one hand at a time, do circles, high, wide and handsome as far back as you can. As this movement lifts the breasts, it will normalise them, be they undeveloped or over-developed.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Things That Never Go to Sleep

—Christopher Cricket Talked to Them All—

By MAX TRELL

YOU have no idea," Christopher Cricket said, "how many things stay awake in the house after every one else is asleep. They talk and they sing—and sometimes they complain—and yet, in the daytime hardly anyone pays any attention to them at all."

Knarf and Hanid, the shadow children with the turned-about names, to whom Christopher Cricket was talking, asked what things stayed awake when everyone else in the house was asleep.

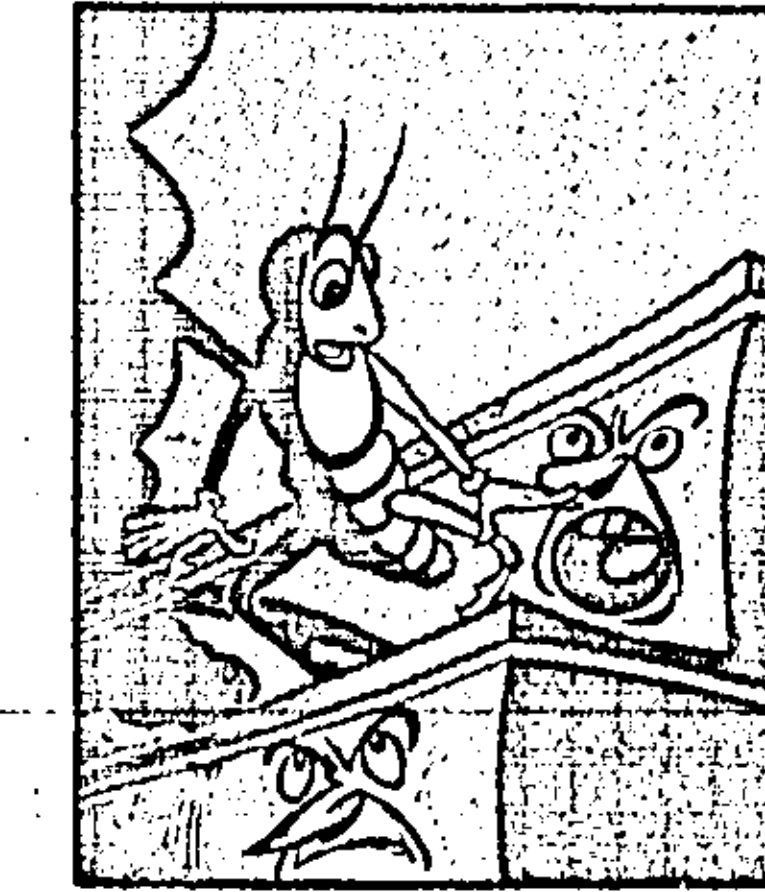
"The other night," replied Christopher, making himself comfortable on the edge of the rug in the children's playroom, "I decided to take a walk. It was much too cold outside, so I decided to walk up to the attic and down to the cellar."

"It was really quite late. Through the window I could see the moon beginning to sink behind the hills beyond the frozen pond. There weren't any sounds at all from outside, except the whisper of the wind as it blew through the bare branches of the trees in the garden. Then I started up the stairs."

"Hardly had I gone up when I heard the stairs creaking. First one creaked, then another. Then a third. 'Look here, Cricket,' said one of the stairs in the middle, 'this is no time for you to be walking up and down on us. Isn't it enough that we're trod on, and stomped on, and jumped on all day long? At first I didn't know what to say. But suddenly they all started laughing (though their laughter still sounded sharp and creaky), and presently the bottom stair said: 'We're not really angry at all. As a matter of fact, we're only stretching ourselves. We always stretch ourselves at night.'"

"So," said Christopher Cricket. "I was glad to hear that the stairs weren't really angry at me for walking on them, but were only stretching themselves. The boards in the floor stretch themselves at night, too. If you listen very carefully at night, you'll often hear them."

"Then, as I was passing the door, I heard the hinges."



"Why are you walking around at night?" the Stairs asked Christopher.

"The hinges?" said Knarf. "Were they creaking, too, like the stairs and the boards in the floor?"

Christopher Cricket shook his head. "They were squeaking. I heard them distinctly. They were squeaking that they were thirsty!"

"Thirsty for a drink, Christopher?"

"Yes, thirsty for a drink, not of water, but of oil. I hope they got it. I didn't have any oil to give them. And downstairs, in the cellar, I heard the shutters and the windows."

"Creaking or squeaking?" Knarf and Hanid both said. "Or thirsty for a drink of oil?"

"Shade Was Shaking"

"Neither. They were rattling because the wind was blowing against them. And the shade was shaking. And downstairs, in the cellar, I heard the furnace making crackling noises as it cooled itself off. And of course I heard the cat walking, and the mice scampering. And at length, when I reached the playroom again after my walk and was about to shut my eyes, I heard someone open a door and give three loud shouts!"

"Who did that?" Hanid asked in amazement.

"The cuckoo who lives in the cuckoo-clock. She was calling out the time. She never goes to sleep, poor bird!"

GAMES AND HOBBIES

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Rupert helps Dr. Lion—10



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WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



DENOUNCES U. S.—Pietro Nenni, leader of Italian left wing Socialists, denounces American aid as imperialism in his first appearance in Rome during the current political campaign. His party has combined with the Communists and three minor parties to form the People's Bloc.



TIMELY HOUSEHOLD HINTS—Princess Elizabeth and her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, visit a home exhibition in London to get some ideas for their own home. London reports say the Princess is expecting her first child in the early autumn.



NOT FOR CIRCULATION—A Milan police officer inspects 1,000, 5,000 and 10,000 counterfeit lire notes seized in a raid. The counterfeiters had printed 500,000 lire before police caught them. Two home-made bombs and the gun in the foreground were found at the same time.



SURFBOARD ENTHUSIASTS—New Zealanders enjoy the surfing at Waipu Cove, a sheltered beach near Whangarei. The people of New Zealand, among the best swimmers in the world, are having a last fling at summer sports as autumn begins "down under."



NEW ATOM DISCOVERY—Dr. C. M. G. Lattes, left, Brazilian scientist, has revealed that he and Dr. Eugene Gardner, right, have artificially produced subatomic mesons, first man-made cosmic rays. The development was hailed as one of the greatest in the atomic field since discovery of nuclear fission. Here they adjust a target at the University of California cyclotron in Berkeley.



MACARTHUR GETS JAPANESE BOOST—On the exterior of his Tokyo construction company office, a Japanese has painted an admonition to "pray for Gen. MacArthur's success in the Presidential election." Another sign says: "Gen. MacArthur for President of the U.S.A." The building is a block from the American Embassy, present home of the General.



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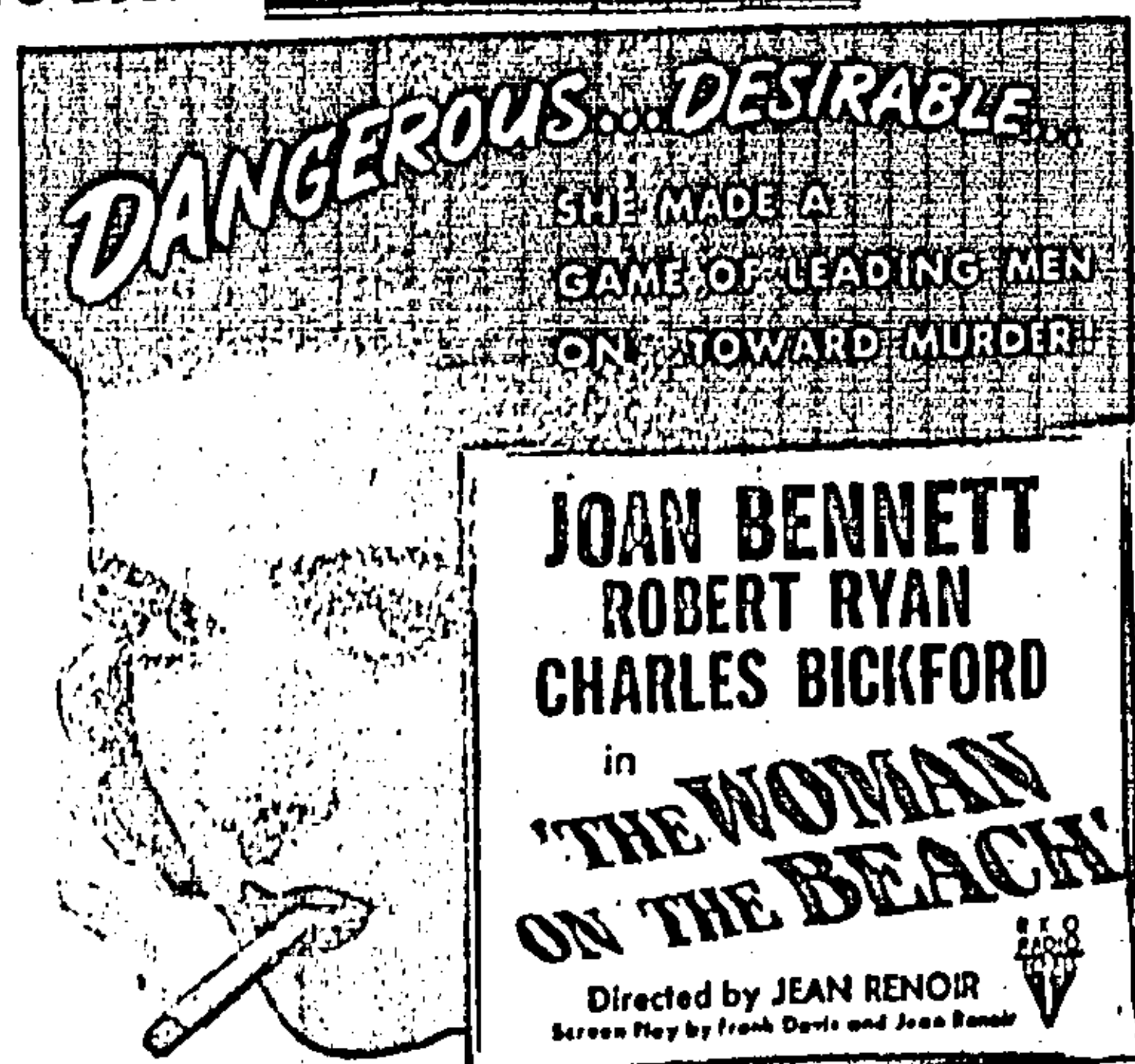
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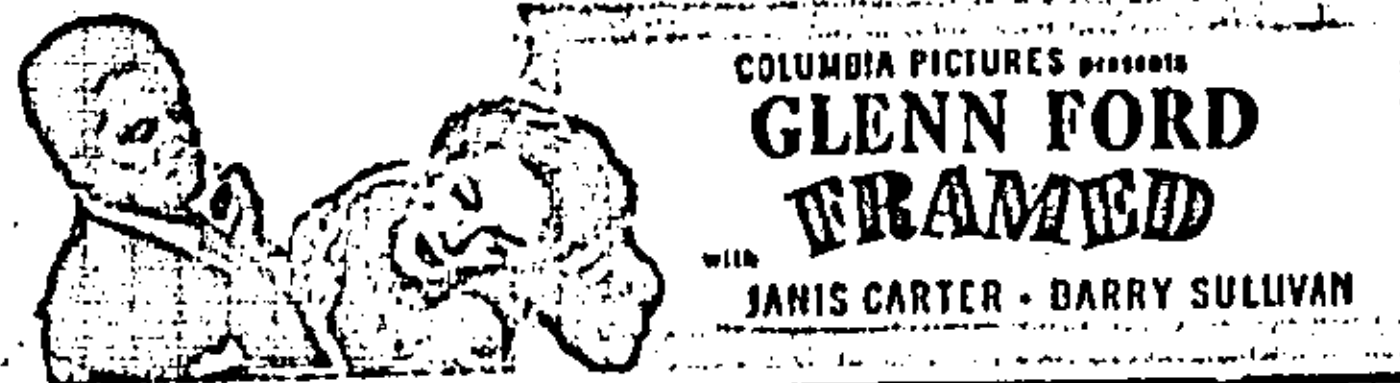
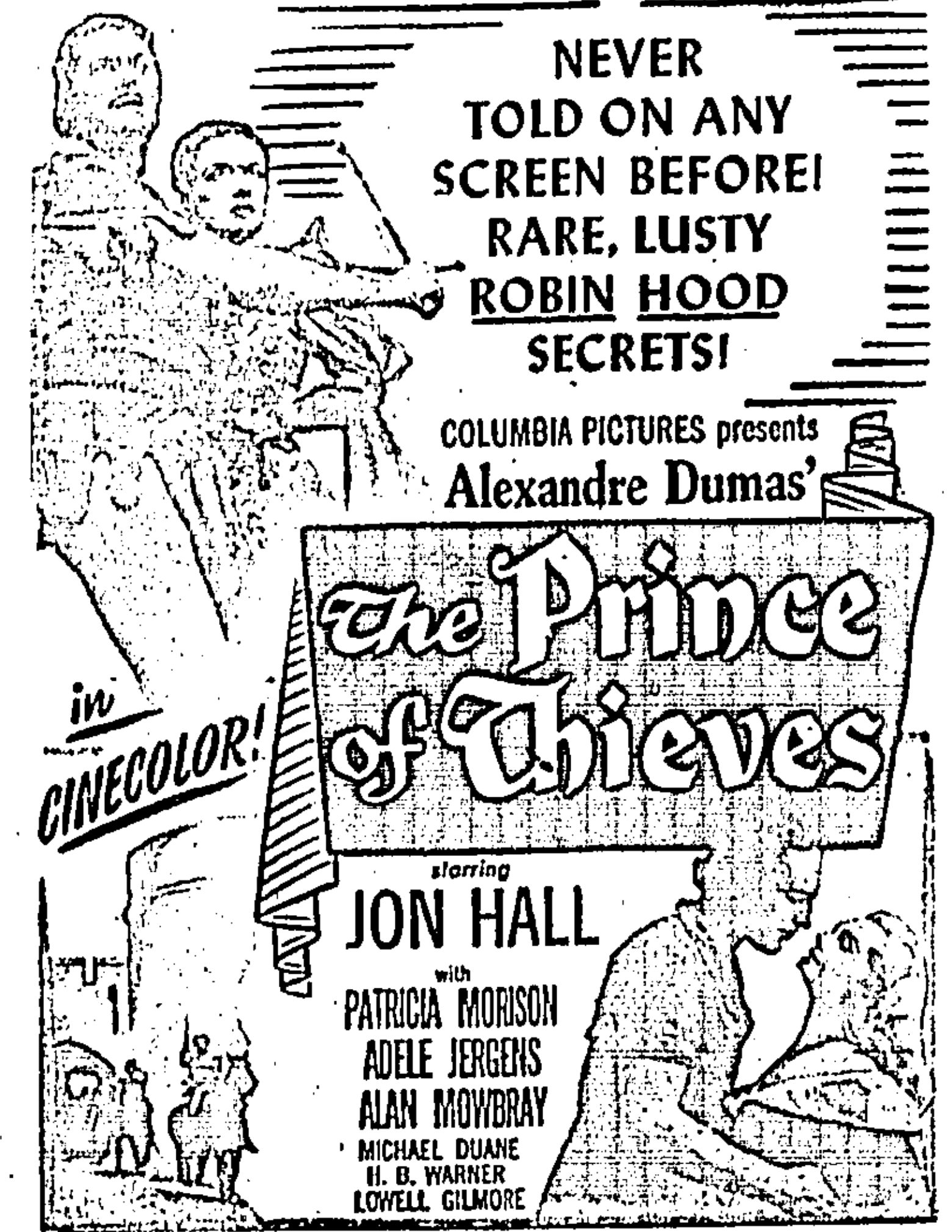
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... because Jerusalem affects New York and New York can decide who the next President will be
by R. M. MacCOLL

WASHINGTON, Mar. 30. PRESIDENT TRUMAN is like a man who has been haunted during the last two years by a recurrent and particularly nasty nightmare. He laughs it off in the morning. But it returns even more vividly. Then the time arrives when the nightmare suddenly threatens to become reality.

This nightmare? The sending of American troops to Palestine.

Truman instinctively backs away from trying to impose a solution by force on Palestine. That would be the logical thing for America to do now, but unfortunately logic does not enter into the matter.

Truman has had many things to make his presidential tenure difficult.

Not least is the almost total lack of any continuing American foreign policy. While America was an aloof spectator nation in the early years of the century, this did not greatly matter.

Now she is glaring at Russia, as one of the world's two "super-Powers," its lack is a cruel handicap.

America's top men of the State Department and Chiefs of Staff do not get a chance to see the world as a whole and plot their course in a broad sweep. Everything has to be done in a hurry, piecemeal and hand-to-mouth.

America is like an energetic juggler who has got an enormous quantity of miscellaneous objects—lying about in the air simultaneously. He may drop something at any moment, and all the audience can do is to pray that it will not be too important a piece.

Two aims

SO far as American policy exists, it is influenced by two main desires. First is to stay on good terms with the Arabs, because they control the Middle Eastern oil lands. Second is the desire of all presidential candidates, both in and out of the White House, to do nothing to alienate "the Jewish vote."

As a result, America put forward a partition scheme last November quite sincerely believing it was the best solution.

It was wishful thinking carried on at the highest levels. It was, as an American political writer put it, "the ultimate result of a policy which wills the end but not the means. This irresponsible habit of ours is what drove the British into their present unhelpful frame of mind about Palestine."

Soon it became apparent that partition meant force—probably American force, which was bad, or Russian force, which was worse.

That wouldn't do. That nightmare could not be faced. So America withdrew, thus incurring

charges of bad faith and immensely damaging the already dwindling prestige of UNO.

Cheers, tears

THE only people who were pleased when America scrapped partition were the Arabs. They cheered heartily, but whatever comfort Truman may have got from this was surely extinguished when American Jewry sent up a roar of protest. Immediately there were signs that the Jewish vote was going to swing against Truman.

Professional politicians of the Democratic Party are afraid that New York State has already been irrevocably lost.

Because it has the largest population of any State in the Union, New York has two Senators and 45 members of the House of Representatives. That gives it 47 electoral votes—way ahead of the others. (Next State is Pennsylvania, which musters only 35).

New York, therefore, is the key of keys. But New York's 3,000,000 Jews have a powerful voice, and many of New York's 47 members of the present Congress are themselves Jewish. Thus by alienating the Jews of New York, Truman has probably driven a giant nail into his political coffin.

The next step

PARTITION was dead. So next, Truman came forward with trusteeship. But was this any better? At his last Press conference, reporters tried to find out how far America would go to enforce that. Would she send troops to back it?

Truman replied sharply, but evasively: "We'll cross that bridge when we come to it," and "UNO will be the trustee."

But it still looks as if in the long run, and however reluctantly, American soldiers are going to have to go to Palestine.

Britain will probably get a formal request to be the Trustee—"Temporary Trustee."

Britain will probably turn down the offer, and then America will have to take another dragging step forward on the painful road of greater responsibility for the results from acquiring great power.

When that day comes, she will cease willing the end only, and will start providing the means.

France Will Share Atomic 'Secrets'

By Dudley Harmon

FRENCH atomic scientists will share their discoveries with the entire world, according to members of the French Atomic Energy Commission.

Commission officials said the French Government refuses to maintain any sort of secrecy, except on matters learned by French scientists working with Canadians and British on atomic energy research during the war. Secrecy "does more harm than good," a spokesman said.

He admitted that to date France's work on application of atomic energy has been "modest." France is still in the process of constructing her first atomic pile at her "Oak Ridge," located at Fort du Chailillon, near Paris.

"But it is men, materials and money, in that order, which count in atomic energy," the spokesman said. France "certainly has the men," he added.

Chairman of the Commission is Communist Frederic Joliot-Curie. His wife, Irene, is a member. Before the war they won a Nobel Prize for their discovery of artificial radio-activity. Joliot-Curie has always followed a "no secrecy"

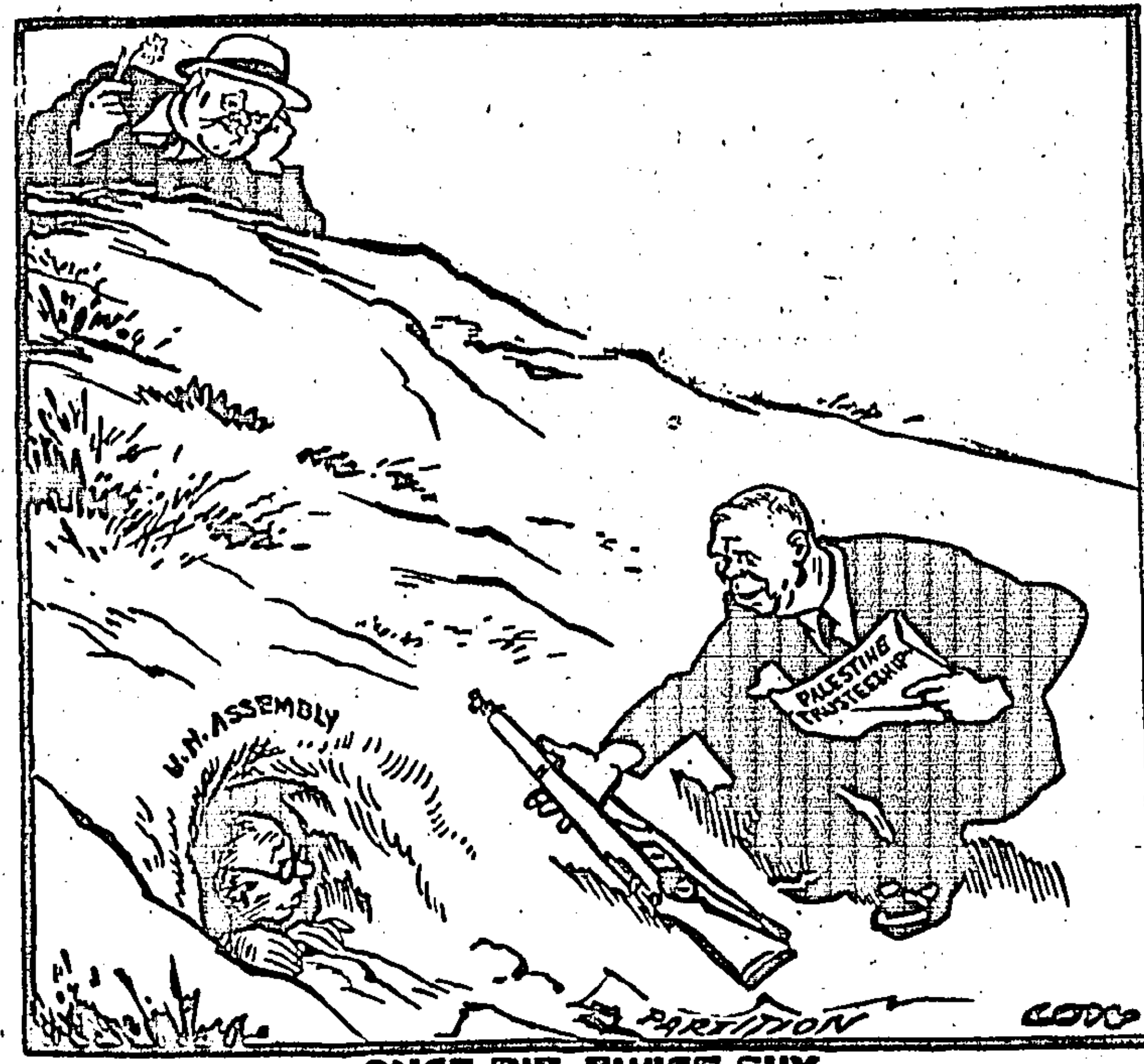
policy, even when secrecy was suggested to him by American officials on the eve of the war.

Another Commission member, Pierre Auger, worked in Canada during the war on research for the atomic bomb. With three colleagues, he has just identified a new particle in the cosmic rays which fall upon the earth from outside its surface. Joliot-Curie described the discovery as opening up "tremendous possibilities" in the field of nuclear physics.

Because America is currently buying almost all uranium, France is training young scientists and developing instruments of detection to search for that material in her territories. Teams of experts will scour France and her remote possessions.

France's atomic energy research is purely non-military and "will stay that way," officials said.

Commission headquarters, on one of the most beautiful avenues in Paris, contrast strangely with the heavily guarded headquarters of the American Atomic Energy Commission in Washington. There are no police, no doors marked secret, and visitors are shown in as they would be in any other government office.—United Press.



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The Red Flag Flies Here

by JAMES CAMERON

ZANZIBAR, Mar. 29. ZANZIBAR, that sweltering little imperial oddity in the Indian Ocean, awoke this morning to find the Red Flag flying over the Sultan's palace.

It was accepted calmly enough, since every morning for the last few generations the Zanzibaris have been exactly the same thing.

Zanzibar, and that rather more dynamic country the U.S.S.R., have just about as little in common as any two fellow nations in this bewildered world; nevertheless they curiously share an identical flag.

One cannot be asked to know everything. So to one whose only touch with current European antics is wild rumour, filtered through a thick, porridgy mist of remoteness and lackadaisical communication, it is quite something suddenly to come upon the Union Jack and the Scarlet Banner floating nonchalantly together over the outmost of outposts of Empire.

The paradox will only strike us birds of passage in Africa who still cling with a sort of

desperation to the European point of view as a lifeline in the enormous tepid bath of Colonial farawayness.

Out here things are accepted more languidly, no doubt rightly. Politics—Finland, Czechoslovakia, that puzzling piece of geography called Benelux—are things we hear of too late to worry about. Far more important are, for example, the cloves.

The Protectorate of Zanzibar, governed by a serene and kindly Sultan under the careful supervision of the British Government, is perhaps completely "unspoiled," in that nothing whatever has happened to change its character since the pedantic white men stopped the slave trade.

Their living

ITS street, just wide enough to take one car threads through a tangle of alleys and lanes where two donkeys can scarcely pass. Enormous carved brass-studded Arab doors lead into dim and towering houses.

The perfume comes in layers—jasmine, cardamom, cinnamon, and, above all, cloves. They say you could identify Zanzibar miles out to sea by the scent of cloves. Only now it is getting less.

Four-fifths of the world's cloves come from the Sultan's dominions, and now a puzzling and ruinous complaint has come to the islands—the clove trees are dying. Right now a scientific commission from Britain is at work in Zanzibar and Pemba, trying to find a cure, or at least a diagnosis.

So far it has had little success. The cloves continue to die. And though it may seem a trifling enough thing to go short of a clove for an apple pie at home, here in Zanzibar a quarter of a million people have their whole economy, their present and future built into that thing.

They see the clove groves wilting and dying inexplicably, they watch the best scientific brains in the business failing to pull them round, and they realise that if they lose their one near-monopoly they have nothing else to replace it with.

A surprising lot of capital is sunk in cloves. Cloves—with a

little copra—are practically the only export. Zanzibar, which smells irresistibly like a guilty husband returning from a pub, may have to think of something else.

There is great talk up and down the African coast of plans to make Zanzibar the biggest non-dollar tourist resort in the tropics.

It has remarkable beauty and charm, few shortages, abundance of glamour, and a climate that, with judicious air conditioning, could be made tolerable enough at least better than the unsufferable East African coast.

The problem

THIS is, perhaps, at this moment the one place in which a white man has set his foot where the hotels are not full for one very good reason: there are not any hotels. A self-sufficient British Colonial Protectorate on the main trade route, it has not so much as one commercial bed-and-breakfast.

Several big hotel interests in Africa and Britain are negotiating for a concession to build a splendid place on the Zanzibar coast.

There is one highly characteristic difficulty. In Zanzibar, unlike British African possessions generally, there is no "segregation." Arabs, Indians, Africans, and Goans live and trade fairly amicably together with the 200 or so Europeans (most of them in Government service) retreating, when need be, to the camp's English club for sanctuary.

Erect an Hotel Magnificent in Zanzibar and it must be open to all. One can scarcely imagine the Sultan condoning a colour bar in his own right little tight little island. But, open it for all and the Dwanas, above all, those sensitive plants the South Africans, will stay away.

Permit to drink

NOW that is the sort of uncivilised yet inescapable impasse that makes doing anything in the Colonial Empire a matter of desperate complexity.

For those who are here it is a life of almost fantastic uncertainty. "True," Islamic law insists that every European who wants his tot must carry with him a Drinking Licence, a development that has so far escaped the attention of Sir Stafford Cripps at home.

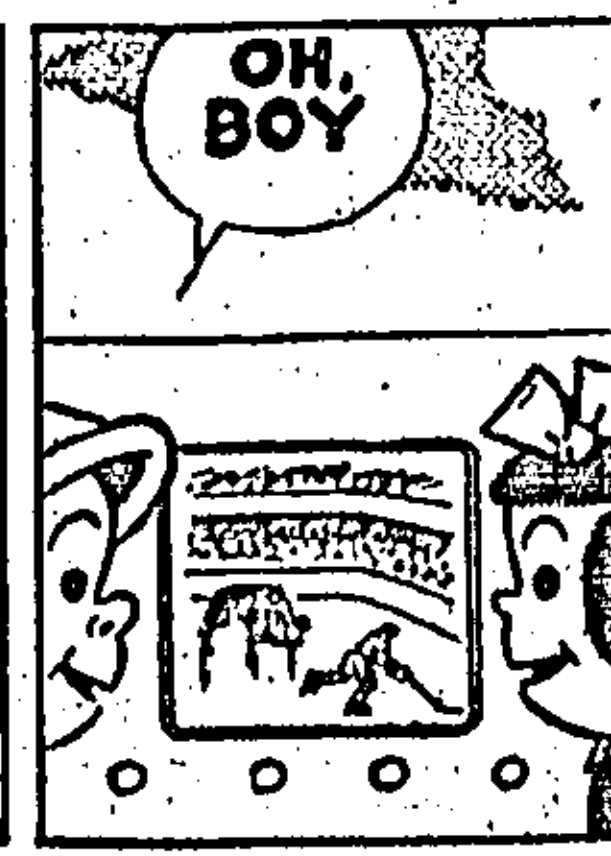
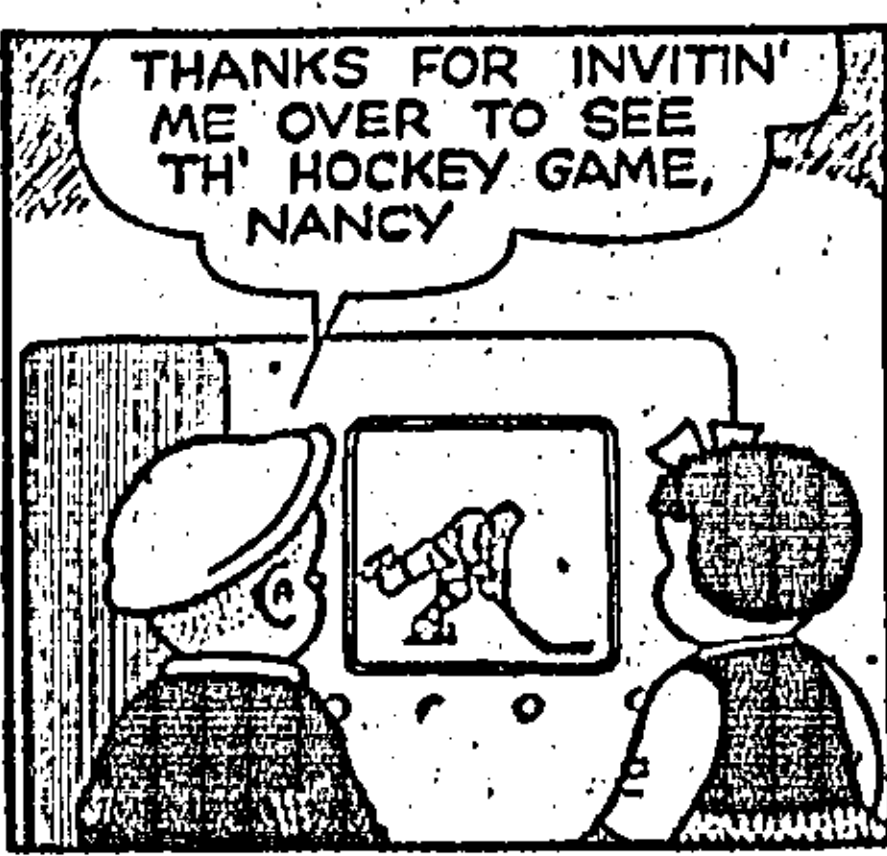
As compensation, one may choose whatever number one likes for one's car, or one can live in a village with the incomparable name of Bububu. The clocks show Swahili time, which counts six o'clock as one, making it madly difficult to know what hour it is. As though it mattered!

Above all, Zanzibar is perhaps the last place under the Union Jack where one can say: "The Western Union now? No, that's a new one on me."

So we live, the Red Flag behind the treacle curtain.

By Ernie Bushmiller

NANCY Moh, Snob



No Evidence Against Watchman

Appearing on remand before Mr Blair-Kerr at Kowloon this morning, Ip Kat, 30, watchman of the Man Sing building contractors, who had previously been charged with demanding money and six Sten guns with menaces, was discharged when Sub-Insp. Roberts offered no evidence against him.

Ip's co-defendants, Li Yung, 22, Li Ngau, 27, travelling traders, Lo Yan, 35, and a woman, Ho Ying, aged 25, were remanded for a further three days on the same charge. They are alleged to have demanded six Sten guns, a dozen automatic pistols and \$50,000 from Li Cheung-wan at Kowloon on March 25; on April 6, \$10,000 from Li Cheung-wan; and on March 31, a dozen automatic pistols and \$30,000 from Pang Tung-hoi, with menaces.

N.T. FARMERS CHARGED.
Ten men from the New Territories were charged before Mr Blair-Kerr at Kowloon Court this morning with conspiring to commit an armed robbery on March 18. The accused were: Pang Lok-fat, 21, farmer; Liu Fok-shun, 32, smuggler; Yiu Tai, 29; Pang Yung-po, 29, farmer; Yiu Shuen, 27, farmer; Sit Yau, 42; Chan Yau, 25, Chan Kee-sang, 25, Liu Fuk-lun, 30, and Tsang Kun-sang, 16.

The first accused was also charged with possession of two revolvers, and five rounds, while the third accused was further charged with possession of 36 rounds of rifle cartridges.

Date of hearing was fixed for April 19 at 11 a.m.

SENT TO PRISON
Bleeding guilty to possession of arms, ammunition and a knife, Chu Hing, 32, and Chu Tak, 30, were each sentenced to two years' hard labour by Mr d'Almada at Central Court this morning.

Det. Insp. Witterton, prosecuting, said he searched defendant at a cafe in Des Voeux Road West on March 28 about 2 p.m. A revolver, loaded with five rounds of ammunition, was found on first defendant, and second defendant had a knife concealed in his girdle.

De Gaullist Successes At Algeria Polls

Paris, Apr. 12.—The success of the Gaullist candidates and the setback of the extreme Nationalists and Communists in the elections for Algeria's first local parliament confirmed tonight by official Ministry of the Interior figures after yesterday's second ballot.

The Algerian Parliament is elected by two separate bodies of voters, one known as the European college and consisting of 550 French nationals, and the other as the Moslem college, with 1,300,000 votes. Each elects 60 members.

Of the 60 European deputies elected, 38 figures on joint Conservative Gaullist lists. Only one Communist was elected. Of the remaining 21, four are Socialists, one a Radical Republican (MRP), and the rest Radicals or Conservative Independents.

MOSLEM CHOICE
Of the 60 deputies elected by the Moslem college, 43 are Independents, who favour the existing tie to France. The extreme Nationalists of the Communist-supported "Movement for the Triumph of Democratic Rights," led by Messali Hadj, and favouring Algerian independence and a link up with the Arab League, obtained only nine seats.

The slightly less extreme Nationalists of Ferhat Abbas' "Algerian Manifesto Union," who seeks Algerian independence within the French Union, obtained eight seats. Both the Nationalist parties have alleged "undue pressure" by the French administration to influence the elections, and these allegations have been repeated by some Left-wing newspapers in Paris.—Reuter.

Exam Results Postponed

Cambridge, Apr. 13.—The results of the Malayan School Certificate Leaving Examinations conducted by the Cambridge University have been postponed until the near end of April, Cambridge announced on Monday. No reason was given. The examinations were taken in Malaya by 2,000 Secondary School students and the papers sent to Cambridge for correction.

Ng Wah-hing, a Malayan student at Christ's College, Cambridge, who received his doctor of philosophy degree on March 13 sailed for Singapore last Friday on the P. & O. Canton.

There are eight other Malayan students at Cambridge.—Associated Press.

Attache's Recall Requested

Warsaw, Apr. 12.—The Polish Government has formally requested the removal of Lieutenant Colonel Frank Jessie, assistant military attache at the United States Embassy here, who was detained and questioned for several hours by the Polish authorities during a motor trip in lower Silesia earlier this month.

This was disclosed today by a spokesman of the Polish Foreign Ministry. An official of the American Embassy said Colonel Jessie left Poland last Friday.—Reuter.

PAULA BY DENNIS WHEATLEY

After a series of accidents in the studio, all is ready for the next scene.



HE SOLD INDECENT PICTURES

Li Yuen was a hawker of pictures who displayed innocent photographs of Hongkong views and actresses but kept indecent pictures in his pocket for special customers. His offering for sale of these clandestine pictures to two plainclothes constables resulted in his being fined a total of \$350 or three months by Mr Blair-Kerr at Kowloon Court this morning.

The charges preferred were hawking without a licence, exposing indecent pictures for sale and obstruction, which, according to Sub-Insp. Howarth, was due to the crowd that gathered around these pictures.

Inspector Howarth said the two constables, approaching Li in Nathan Road on April 9 with the intention of buying the pictures displayed, were asked by Li whether they wanted indecent pictures. From his inner pockets, Li produced 43 such pictures, and after arrest a further 12 were found on him.

Took Hub-Cap In Fun

When the complainant declared he had given the accused permission to take the hub-cap of his car and the accused claimed they had done it "all in fun," Inspector Howarth at Kowloon Court this morning, withdrew charges of larceny against Ma Yuen, mechanic, and aiding and abetting the larceny against Tang Hui, driver. They were immediately discharged by Mr Blair-Kerr, the magistrate.

On Monday the accused according to the police, were in a lorry driven by Tang and when they arrived at Argyle Street where Lau Kwok-hung's car was parked, Ma alighted from the lorry and unscrewed a hub-cap. They were arrested by a constable.

Denying the charges, the accused said they were friends of Lau and were playing a joke on him. Complainant agreed.

Smoked Opium For Health

A woman, Lee Hing, of 21 Wing Lok Street, was fined \$30 by Mr d'Almada at Central Court this morning when she pleaded guilty to possession of an opium pipe and about one ounce of opium.

Defendant, asking for leniency, said she smoked opium for health reasons.

For keeping an opium divan in an unnumbered hut in Shaikwan on Monday, Ma Tsang, 55, unemployed, was fined \$500 or, in default, three months by Mr d'Almada.

Another defendant, charged with smoking on the premises, did not appear in Court, and his bail of \$30 was ordered to be estreated.

Inspector Moran prosecuted.

FOUGHT OVER WATER

The water restrictions caused a fight among Wong Woon, aged 30, and two young boys on Monday, landing all three before Mr Blair-Kerr at Kowloon Court this morning on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Sub-Insp. Howarth stated that the accused fought over water which came from a pipe in Kweilin Street. They assaulted one another with bamboo poles but no one was hurt.

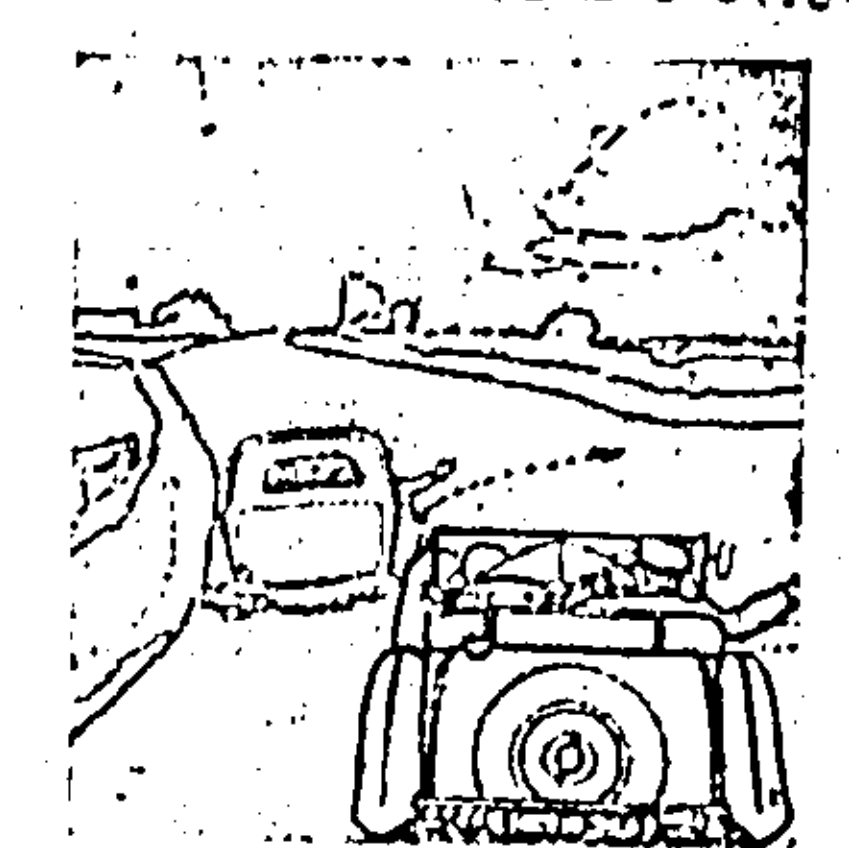
Wong was bound over in the sum of \$50 for six months, and the boys were cautioned.

Ticket Scalper Fined \$200

For selling seven Queen's Theatre front seat tickets at \$1.70 instead of \$1.50 yesterday, Chinn Yai-chee, 20, was fined \$200 or in default two months' imprisonment by Mr d'Almada at Central Court this morning.

Mr Mugford of the Entertainment Tax Department prosecuted.

ROAD SENSE



The driver in front has signalled his intentions too late, and is in the wrong position on the road for a right turn.

RESTAURANT MANAGER CAUTIONED

L. W. Hempel, manager of the Tai Hing Restaurant, Nathan Road, was ordered by Mr Latimer at Kowloon Court this morning to pay \$10 compensation to a ricksha coolie for damage caused to his vehicle last night.

Hempel was charged with malicious damage. According to Inspector Orem, he tipped over a ricksha, causing damage to the mudguards.

Admitting the charge, Hempel said that he was checking accounts early this morning after the close of the restaurant when a band of ricksha coolies created a disturbance outside the shop. He chased them away, but the shop driver, they returned shortly afterwards they returned again. The second time he went out, he tipped over one of the rickshas.

Mr Latimer, in future, if anything like that sort happens, get a constable instead of doing it yourself.

Hempel was cautioned for the offence.

All-Out Support For Chiang

Shanghai, April 13.—Dr Carson Chang, leader of the Democratic Socialist Party, voiced full support of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek for the Presidency, in a statement here last evening.

He explained that the Generalissimo was the only person capable of leading the nation through the present military and economic crisis.

While vigorously opposing any revision of the promulgated constitution before it was fully put into effect, Dr Chang hinted that his followers might not hold posts in the administrative organs after the constitution was enforced, but instead participate in people's organization to help to push forward constitutionalism in the country.

He expressed dissatisfaction with the last Legislative elections which, he alleged, were mostly manipulated by "powerful groups" in various districts. There was no chance for others to compete, he charged, adding that his Party could not be satisfied with the results of such elections.

Dr Chang strongly opposed the popular move in the National Assembly to revise the constitution on the ground that if any revision were made before enforcement, the efforts spent on its drafting and passing would be totally wasted.

He urged the authorities to achieve more in both economic and military fields after extension of American aid to China.—Reuter.

Perfumes, Razors Led To Fine

Admitting possession of 1,002 bottles of perfume (dullable commodities) and 38 pieces of razors (unmanufactured goods), Tung Kien, unemployed, was fined \$425 by Mr d'Almada at Central Court this morning.

RO Redman said he boarded the Helikon on her arrival from Java about 4 p.m. yesterday. Defendant was seen handling large parcels over the side of the ship.

Defendant said he did not know the local regulations as it was his first visit to Hongkong.

GODOWN CO. WINS LIGHTER CLAIM

The claim brought by the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd. against the Tung Hing firm for the return of a 75-ton lighter alleged to have been sunk by Allied planes off Whampoa, Pearl River, in 1947, and subsequently salvaged, came to an abrupt conclusion before Mr Justice Williams in the Supreme Court this morning when the defendants consented to judgment.

The dispute was over ownership of the lighter. The Godown Co. were represented by the Hon. Leo d'Almada, KC, instructed by Messrs Deacons. Mr D. A. L. Wright, instructed by Mr Peter H. Sin, was for the Tung Hing firm.

Plaintiffs' case was that the lighter was built for them by Wing On Shing in Hongkong in 1938. It was lost during the Japanese occupation, but was seen by one of their employees in May last year lying in the Yaumati Typhoon Shelter.

Besides seeking possession of the lighter, plaintiffs also claimed for loss of hire and costs of the action. The defence, prior to this morning's proceedings, was that the lighter was built by the Tung Hing firm by another concern in Hongkong in 1935.

QUESTION OF DAMAGES

When proceedings commenced before Mr Justice Williams this morning, Mr Wright said that Monday's visit to the lighter by the Court and counsel was the first opportunity his instructing solicitor, Mr Sin, had of inspecting the craft and of appraising himself of the merits of the case. Various technical features on the lighter were pointed out to him and noted in his Lordship's presence. As a result, Mr Sin was satisfied that the lighter could not be maintained and that, in point of fact, the lighter was the property of the plaintiffs.

Mr Sin had explained the matter to Mr Yu Yan-yu, proprietor of the Tung Hing firm, and Mr Yu had

Italian Gold Claims Almost Met In Full

Washington, Apr. 12.—The U.S. State Department today announced that the Tripartite Gold Commission meeting in Brussels has "decided to allow almost in full" Italian claims for the restitution of gold looted by the Nazis and said this would mean "Italy soon will receive about US\$31,000,000 of gold."

This is in addition to US\$4,000,000 allocated to Italy by the Commission, which is composed of the United States, Britain and France. The Department said "only part of Italy's claim was recognised" at a meeting on October 17 last year, but subsequent investigation of the claims made it possible for the Commission to allocate another \$31,000,000 which virtually covers the entire Italian claim.

A State Department spokesman said Italy was participating in allocations for claims in monetary gold looted from a number of European countries by the Nazis on exactly the same basis as 10 other claimants.—United Press.

U.S. FLEET TO VISIT PORTUGAL

Lisbon, Apr. 12.—A United States fleet of 13 ships, including the 45,000-ton battleship Missouri, will probably pay a six-day official visit to Portugal in June or July, the United States Embassy stated here tonight.

This will be the third visit of American fleets to Portugal since the end of the war.—Reuter.

Matheson Lang Dead

Bridgetown, Barbados, Apr. 12.—Matheson Lang, the Canadian-born Shakespearean actor, died here last night at the age of 68. His career, which brought him fame in Britain and the Empire, ended with an attack of pneumonia in 1937. He went to Barbados to recuperate, but in 1941, when he visited South Africa, it was reported he was a confirmed invalid and that the stage had lost one of its greatest stars and one of the last of the actor-managers.—Reuter.

A Chinese press report says that about 4 o'clock this morning a Chinese was found hanging and dead in a public latrine in the Yaumati district.

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U.S. MINERS GO BACK TO WORK

Pittsburg, Apr. 12.—Striking coal miners today began to drift back to work as field lieutenants of John L. Lewis, President of the United Mine Workers Union, transmitted his orders to end the 29-day Pennsylvania strike.

District presidents in four Pennsylvania fields issued flat orders to at least 91,000 miners to go back to work by Tuesday. Western Pennsylvania coal operators reported at least two instances where miners are already entering the pits.

Ship Fire Under Control

Rotterdam, Apr. 12.—Firemen tonight had under control a blaze which broke out in the 7,007-ton Liverpool steamer Martana this evening, seriously damaging a 1,200-ton cargo of steel and other Indian products.

The cause of the fire, which started in the lower part of a hold, was unknown. The vessel, owned by T. & J. Brocklebank, Limited, of Liverpool, arrived here yesterday from Calcutta via Hamburg. Part of the cargo was to be unloaded here.—Reuter.

TELEGRAPH'S Page Of SPORTS NEWS

BADMINTON

Open Championship Games Started

The first post-war Colony Open Championships run by the Hongkong Badminton Association commenced last night with a series of first round games played on the Kowloon Cricket Club court.

There was only one senior match on the evening's programme, the Sing Tao pair of Robert Tay and P. K. Hui being pitted against J. C. Koh and P. C. Lim of Hong Kong University.

Tay and Hui, a seeded pair in the Open Doubles, were afforded a game fight by the University players, whose terrific smashing was the feature of a first game that went to 15-10. Tay and Hui took the match at 15-10, 15-5.

Koh was not at his best though Lim was steady enough and the pair lacked sound understanding. The opposite could be said of Tay and Hui. The former was in excellent form, varying his shots and smashing and dropping with excellent judgment.

Hui was the perfect partner and the two combined well. After being extended in the first game, the Sing Tao pair led 10-nil in the second as Tay kept his first service for ten aces in a row.

LAU SURPRISES

The Junior Men's Singles produced the most exciting match of the evening when it seemed for a while that a dark horse had trotted on stage.

The Chinese YMCA player, D. C. Lau, surprised by scoring four aces on his initial service against seeded W. C. Chung, of the Chinese Sanitary Inspectors' Club, and then leading 10-nil and winning the first game at 15-5 after a rally from the latter.

CHESS TOURNEY

Reshevsky Loses To Smyslov

Moscow, Apr. 12.—The American chess champion, Samuel Reshevsky, today resigned his adjourned game in the world chess championship, against the Soviet master, Vassili Smyslov, Tass, the Soviet news agency, reported.

Their game, in the 11th round, had been held over from last night, and lasted until the 53rd move.

Thousands of people were unable to get into the Moscow Concert Hall to watch the opening moves and they followed the play on special cards in the corridors outside the arena.

They saw the youthful Soviet expert, Paul Keres, outpoint the Dutch master, Dr Max Euwe, at the 25th move.

Mikhail Botvinnik, who was well in the lead at the end of the first half of the competition, received a bye in the 11th round.—Reuter.

TOURNEY STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Botvinnik	8	4	4	0	0
Keres	9	4	2	3	5
Smyslov	9	4	2	3	5
Reshevsky	9	3	3	3	4½
Euwe	9	0	3	6	1½

Latest Derby Callover

London, Apr. 12.—The card of the Two Thousand Guineas and the Derby were called over at the Victoria Club tonight as follows:

TWO THOUSAND GUINEAS

11 to 4 The Cobbler offered, 3 to 1 taken, 7 to 2 My Babu offered, 4 to 1 taken, 15 to 2 Pride of India offered, 8 to 1 taken, 8 to 1 Birthday Greetings offered, 9 to 1 taken, 100 to 7 Julian offered, 100 to 1 taken, 20 to 1 Diederich offered, 22 to 1 taken, 20 to 1 Fair Judgment offered, 25 to 1 taken, 25 to 1 Straight Play offered, 28 to 1 taken, 25 to 1 Dierid, 28 to 1 Royal Drake, 33 to 1 Hyperbole, all offered, 40 to 1 Captain Fox offered, 50 to 1 taken, 40 to 1 Usher, 50 to 1 The Senator, 60 to 1 Anchluss, all offered.

THE DERBY

15 to 2 My Babu, 10 to 1 Black Tarquin, 100 to 9 The Cobbler, 100 to 8 Pride of India, 100 to 6 Birthday Greetings, 25 to 1 Straight Play, Hoylake, Black Pampre, Julian, 33 to 1 The Senator, all offered, 40 to 1 Captain Fox offered, 50 to 1 taken.—Reuter.

UP TO THE BASKET!



Five members of the East and West All-Stars who competed in New York in a charity game, won by the east 59 to 47, leap for the ball during the second half of the game in Madison Square Garden.

Left to right: Bob Gale (East) of Cornell; Dan Miller (West) of St. Louis; Jack Burmaster (West) of Illinois; Lionel Maynard (East) of City College, New York; and Ed Mikal (West) of De Paul of Chicago.—AP Wirephoto.

COLONY TENNIS

Ex-Champions Win Through Easily

Five winners between the lot of them conceded a total of 21 games to enter the fourth round of the Colony Open Singles at the HKCC yesterday, the longest game of the evening being over in just a minute or two above the hour.

Though some good tennis was seen, no loser showed any struggle worthy of the name and one of the largest galleries so far gathered for a single evening went away without having witnessed even a minor upset.

In action were such local stars and ex-champions as the Rumjahn cousins, Ip Koon-hung, the present holder, and Tsui Yun-pul.

S. A. Rumjahn alone was shown any threatening opposition. His opponent, B. T. M. Jones, managed to lead 5-2 in the second set after being down 2-6, 1-4, but beyond an exhibition of good all-round stroke play, he was very much in an off-day mood.

At one stage it looked as though Rumjahn would take the match for a loss of three games. Jones began picking up in the second set on long-volley tactics that kept his opponent on the run.

Leading 5-4 in the second set, he could have very well taken it had he been steeper in his overhead kills. Impatience in long volleys when Rumjahn responded stroke for stroke also cost him several valuable points.

LONGEST GAME

The longest game of the evening was that between H. D. Rumjahn and Kenneth Lo, won by the former at 6-2, 6-3, a score that did not reflect the hard game put up by his opponent.

H. D. put up a fine exhibition of courtcraft, keeping Lo on the defensive and giving him little opportunity to score on his overhead smashes.

Ip Koon-hung and Tsui Yun-pul had surprisingly easy passage over opponents of whom more was expected.

Scores were: S. A. Rumjahn beat B. T. M. Jones 6-2, 7-5.

H. D. Rumjahn beat Kenneth Lo 6-2, 6-3.

Ip Koon-hung beat R. Szeto 6-1, 6-1.

Tsui Yun-pul beat Marsland Ma 6-1, 6-2.

Choy Tin-look beat Au Kam-moon 6-3, 6-1.

TODAY'S GAMES

On this evening's programme are three Open Singles matches: Patrick Poon v. R. Segalen, M. W. Lo v. Mar Nai-kwong, and Leo Yue-wing v. Tsui Wai-pul.

DAVIS CUP

Polish Desire To Exercise Veto

Warsaw, Apr. 12.—A Government spokesman said today that Poland would quit the first round of the European Zone Davis Cup tennis matches unless Italy agrees to send a team to Warsaw.

Maur A. Egander Jakowski, spokesman for the Foreign Ministry, said that no date had been set for the Polish-Italian negotiations.

He added that negotiations for play struck a hitch because the Italians had not yet agreed to play in Warsaw.

Jakowski said Poland demanded that the match be played here because Poland had previously participated in matches in the Davis Cup competition.

He told a press conference that Poland would not send a team to Rome and would resign from the tournament unless the Italians come here.—Associated Press.



COMPTON TO PLAY IN PORTUGAL

London, Apr. 12.—It is now practically certain that Denis Compton, Britain's leading sportsman, will play soccer for Arsenal in the first match of their Portugal tour at Lisbon on May 3, and fly home immediately afterwards to play cricket for the MCC in their game with Surrey, beginning on May 5.

His brother, Leslie, is likely to order to play in Oporto on May 6. This will mean that he will be back in England in time to assist Middlesex in the opening county game of the cricket season, with Hampshire, on May 8.—Reuter.

JAVA TEAM LEAVES

Shanghai, Apr. 12.—The Java Chinese soccer team left here this morning for Hong Kong by air en route to Java after conclusion of a four-game series, which saw them losing two, winning one and drawing one.

They lost the last game yesterday by two goals to one against the cream of Shanghai Chinese players—a combination of Tung Hwa and Tsing Peh, the two best Chinese teams in the city.

Although defeated twice, the visitors won the admiration of local fans for their sportsmanship, fighting spirit and general high standard.—Reuter.

LINCOLN CITY DEMONSTRATE

Success Without Moneybags

(By Archie Quick)

In these days when Soccer's jingling moneybags reverberate loudly over the playing fields of England it is refreshing to cast an eye on a league club that packs a promotion punch it has cost little to cultivate.

Money can't buy the main ingredients comprising success that have so far taken the little Lincoln City side to a lead position at the top of the Division Three Northern section.

Club pride and team spirit have done it. This bunch of part-time professionals and pure amateurs labour in different towns four days a week, training with the nearest club in their spare time.

On Saturday they board touring coaches or trains at four points en route to the match and then give a display of football that leaves most of their opponents breathless.

Father of this happy family is the left-back and penalty specialist, Billy Dean, product of Lincoln amateur football, now in his 14th season with the club.

Dean and his partner, Stillyards, the half-back, Owen, and the left-winger, Marlowe, are busy on exports in local engineering works. The inside-forward, Pat, in England's amateur international side last season, is a Lincoln Post Office engineer and another amateur, centre-forward Turner, is a student-teacher. Right-half Grimmett is a Barnsley miner.

Skipper Johnson's own electrical business in Sheffield is doing fine as is goalie Moulson's wholesale fish merchant's firm in Grimsby.

LIKED IT SO MUCH

Regular centre-forward Hutchinson, who has so far scored 22 goals this season, guested with them during the war. He liked the Lincoln way of life and returned to them from Bournemouth.

And so it goes on. Clerks, builders, labourers, joiners and bricklayers have graced the club's books with their signatures.

They are the pride and joy of that loving managerial pair, Joe McClelland, former Halifax amateur, and Bill Anderson, former Sheffield Wednesday and Barnsley player.

Skipper Johnson speaks appreciatively of his six-foot protégé, 19-year-old Tommy Emery, stalwart half-back now in the Forces who is considered by Chairman George Wright, another ex-Lincoln amateur, who ought to know, as the most promising centre-half in the country.

I saw the recent ground and players' room improvements in that place, the Silver Bank enclosure, on a par with any Second Division club. Lincoln were founder members of it way back in 1902.

It is 17 years since they were last in Division II but Mr Wright is certain the Imps will go up this time. The club has only one spot of trouble, Rotherham—challenging—so tenaciously. However, Mr Wright thinks they will weather the storm and so do most of the people of Lincoln.

LINCOLN HOPES DOWN

Rotherham United have established a lead of two points on Lincoln City in the struggle for promotion into the Second Division as a result of their win at home against Mansfield Town by two goals to one yesterday.

Both Rotherham and Lincoln City have three games left to play to complete their fixtures for the season.

London, Apr. 12.—The following were the results of football matches played today:

First Division: Sunderland 1, Blackpool 0.

Second Division: Sheffield Wed. 1, Brentford 1, Tottenham Hotspur 0, Notts Forest 3.

Third Division (Southern): Crystal Palace 0, Brighton and Hove 0.

Third Division (Northern): Rotherham U. 2, Mansfield Town 1.

Scottish "B" Division (Supplementary Cup, Second Round): East Fife 2, Dumbarton 0; Hamilton Acad. 4, Alloa Ath. 1.

Fourth Division: Dundee 1, Birmingham City 5.—Reuter.

VIENNESE BOYS WILL DEFEND

Vienna, Apr. 12.—To beat England's football youth is the dream of fifteen Viennese boys chosen to represent Austria in the international football tournament, scheduled for London on April 15-17.

Edl Frubvirt, chief trainer of the Austrian Football Association, had a heart-breaking job selecting the final fifteen players from a group of fifty who took part in the training games.

The selected team has to defend its championship gained at a similar tournament at Bern in 1946 when Austria beat England in the final two to nil.

Players in that Austrian team are already enlisted with the league clubs and a new crop has taken their place.

Among other countries taking part are Belgium, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Wales and Northern Ireland.—Associated Press.

RUGGER RESULTS

London, Apr. 12.—The following were the results of rugger games played today:

Rugby League: Huddersfield 25, Leigh 3, Hull Kingston Rovers 9, Rochdale Hornets 2.

Rugby Union: Coventry 13, Rugby 0, Falmouth 4, Cheltenham 9, Newbridge 17, Crumlin 9.—Reuter.

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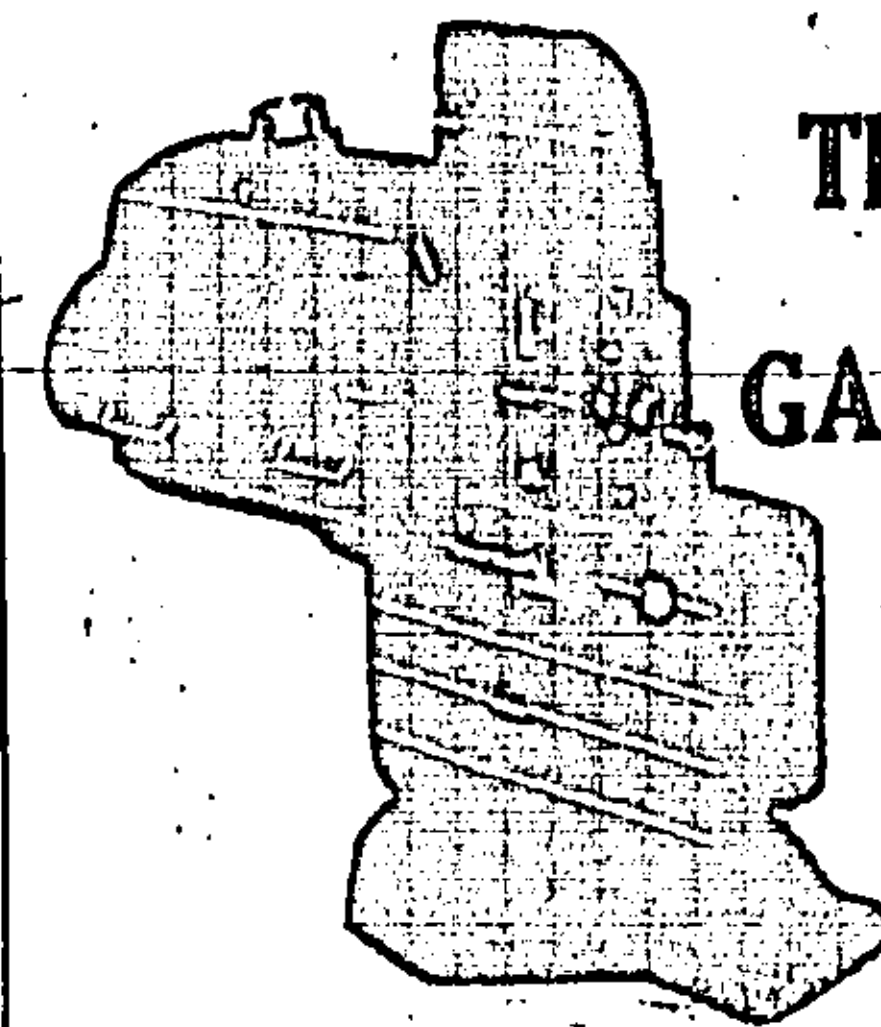
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Singapore Schoolboy Sets Lift Record

Singapore, Apr. 12.—Loong Wei Teik, Chinese schoolboy, bettered the world two hands snatch bantam-weight lifting record in the all-Malaya Chinese weight lifting trials here.

He lifted 193½ pounds. The record held by De Pietro of the United States was 192-7/8 pounds.

Loong's lift will not be submitted for official recognition because it failed to exceed the record by one pound.—Associated Press.

PHOTO FINISH

Bowie, Maryland, Apr. 12.—Basilus II, imported six-year-old French horse, won his first American turf victory on Saturday in the \$10,000 Southern Maryland Handicap by a photo finish.—Associated Press.



FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"May I remind you that this is the fourth girl you've had in two years that you would marry in a minute if you could find a place to live?"

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

A Logical Opening Proves Disastrous

By WILLIAM E. McKENNEY

▲ K 32	▲ None
▲ 7 52	▲ Q 7 52
▲ 8 3	▲ A K 7 74
▲ Q J 10	▲ A 6
▲ A J 9 7	▲ None
▲ 7 52	▲ Q 7 52
▲ 8 3	▲ A K 7 74
▲ Q J 10	▲ A 6
▲ A J 9 7	▲ None
▲ 7 52	▲ Q 7 52
▲ 8 3	▲ A K 7 74
▲ Q J 10	▲ A 6

RECENTLY I received an interesting letter from Robert H. Jamison of Miami, Fla., offering congratulations on the fact that my column is now appearing in the Miami Daily News.

Mr. Jamison sent along today's hand, commenting that South, his partner, is a citizen who "takes life easily."

When Jamison bid four spades and South went into a huddle, he fully expected him to bid six spades and possibly seven. But things had been breaking badly, so South decided to try to get a plus score for a change, and passed four spades. When West doubled, the gleam in South's eye warned that the contract would be redoubled—and it was.

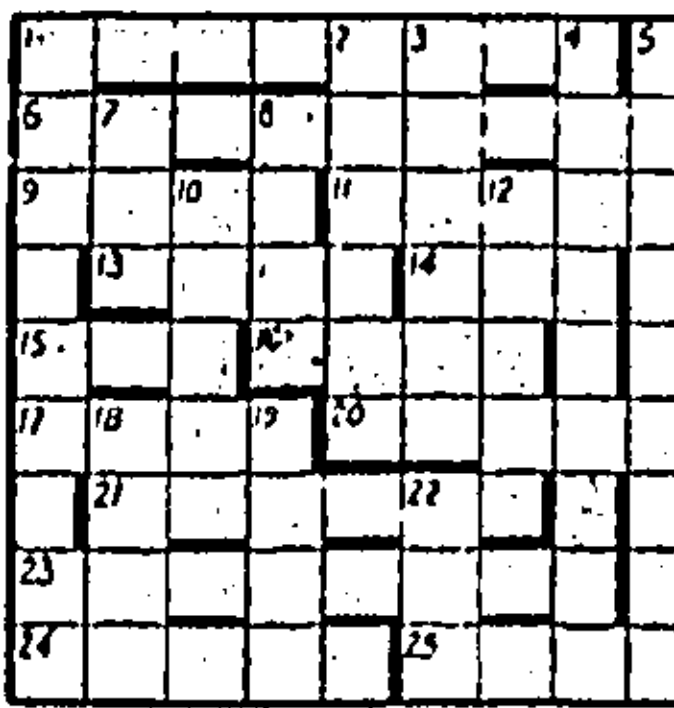
West made the natural opening of the queen of clubs. If he had opened a heart, the contract would have been defeated.

South won the opening lead with the king of clubs, and immediately decided that West had all of the missing trumps, to justify his double. Working on this theory, South cashed dummy's ace and king of diamonds and ruffed a small diamond in his hand with the four of spades.

West overruffed with the seven-spot, then shifted to a heart—but it was too late now. South won with the king of hearts and led a low spade. West went in with the ace and led another heart. South winning with the ace. A small spade was won in dummy with the king and the fourth diamond ruffed with the queen of spades. The club was led to dummy's ace, and South's losing heart discarded on dummy's good diamond.

All West could do was trump this trick with the jack of spades, but East and West were able to win only the ace-jack-seven of trumps.

CROSSWORD



1. Cloudy. (8)
2. Slave ruin (ancient). (10)
3. This was for no man. (10)
4. There's nothing to the air. (10)
5. Tendency. (4)
6. A word the horse gets used to. (10)
7. This is a cultivation. (10)
8. An outstanding man. (10)
9. Musical instrument. (10)

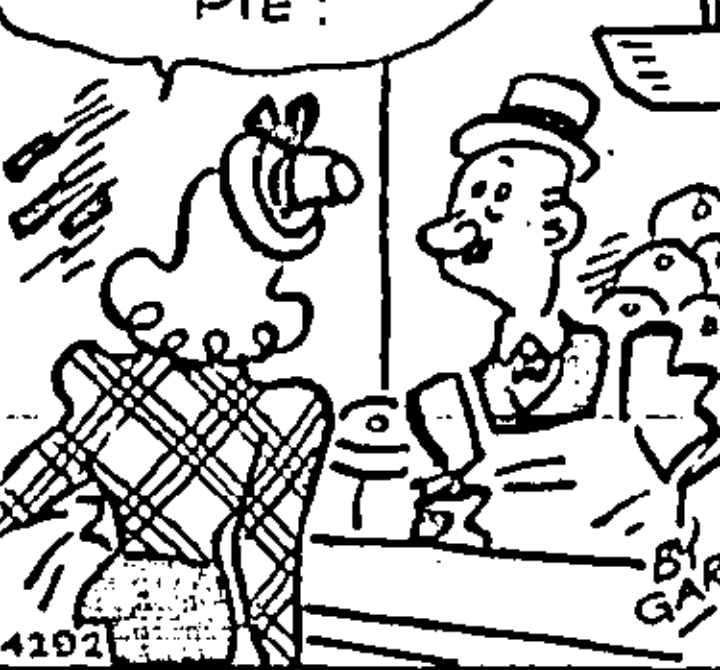
Check Your Knowledge

1. Name the units of linear measure.
2. Who elects the Pope?
3. How is tattooing done?
4. Give the names that are invariably linked with the following: Damon and... Alpha and... Samson and...
5. What is the meaning of "Skool"?
6. Do dragon flies sting?

(Answers on Column 5)

DUMB BELLS

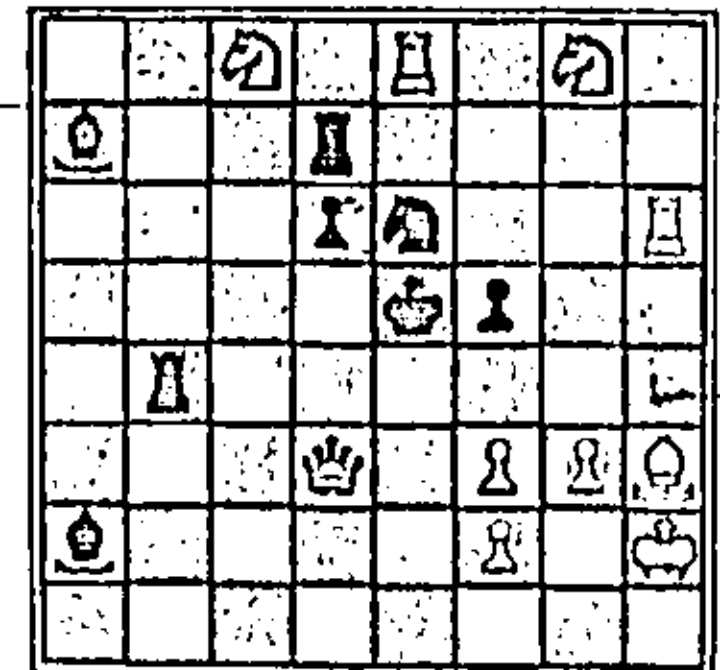
GIVE ME A QUART OF HUCKLES IM GOING TO MAKE HUCKLEBERRY PIE!



CHESS PROBLEM

By F. H. BARRON

Black, 8 pieces.



White, 10 pieces.
White to play and mate in two.
Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. QxP, any; 2. Q mates.

YOUR BIRTHDAY

By STELLA

TUESDAY, APRIL 13

BORN today, you have more than average artistic and literary talent but you are the type to hide your light under a bushel and let others, more aggressive, push you aside. Learn to exert yourself and let the world know how good you are! You need this advice. By nature you are a leader, but you don't like to push and shout. Once, however, you have learned to conquer this natural timidity, you can have just about anything you demand.

You men are natural public speakers and once you have conquered "platform fright," you can become outstanding. You are quite astute in being able to read what the future holds by properly interpreting current trends, motives and actions. Hence, you might become active and successful in politics. You take personal setbacks too seriously and must learn to laugh them off as easily as you can dismiss the troubles of others!

You may appear to those who do not know you well as a rather austere and retiring individual. But those who get to know you better will discover that you are kind-hearted, sympathetic and very understanding. You are a very determined individual, too, and aim to get your own way no matter how long it takes. Avoid legal entanglements if you can. It would be wiser for you to settle any difference of opinion out of court, since you have little patience with prolonged litigation.

You appear a bundle of contradictions to the outsider, but are easily understood by those you love. Your marriage should be a happy one.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Publicity and advertising, especially to promote a new project, will pay excellent dividends. Push your newest idea!

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Initiative brings good results. Be enterprising. Ask for what you want and you should get it now.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—The general business outlook is improving, especially in the home furnishings and clothing fields.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—Make progress but be on your guard against some minor business misrepresentation. Look at the facts.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Be conservative in your expenditures and you may anticipate good results from business projects.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—An important day in your business sphere. Make an important decision, which could bring increased income.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Promote a new idea but withhold actual production until later on. Be careful of business details.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Be conservative in your expenditures but be alert to new opportunities and take full advantage of all good offers.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—An unexpected meeting with an old friend can develop new business plans. Don't be extravagant in expenditures.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—A good day for routine business but postpone expansion plans until things become more settled.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Progress may seem too slow, but better that way than too fast without the necessary precautions.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Artistic fields, including that of photography, appear especially favoured, but still keep a firm grip on the budget.

AROUND THE WORLD:

Historical City of Newport

By TEMPLE MANNING
NEWPORT, that darling of the rich, plans a new and perhaps brighter feather for its costly cap. It aspires to be America's first historical city.

Yes, there's plenty doing in Newport and it isn't all concerned with Bellevue Avenue or Bailey's Beach. Newport wants to become a great and important tourist objective. It wants visitors to flock to the resort as they do to Williamsburg, and for the same reason. And Newport considers that it has much more to offer than the historic mansions and plans are afoot to tell the world all about it, and elicit aid in the important campaign.

Old Buildings

Well, this traveller has long wondered why the wonderful 18th Century houses—and other buildings that set Newport apart, have not been recognised and fussed over long before this. The old buildings are as grand, as fine as any of those constructed from oil and railway fortunes, and Newport, certainly, is tremendously proud of them.

This is the first intimation that the city fathers and some of Newport's better-known residents are soon to inaugurate a campaign. Part of the tooling-up process has been the making of a survey of the city's old buildings and it was discovered that there are some 200 eighteenth century structures. An authentic colonial landmark meets you at almost every corner in the business district, and in many parts of the residential areas.

We have always been fascinated by the cobblestone streets that lead to the "Parade," a square in the town's centre dominated by the old Colony House, which is now the country court house.

The streets are lined with quaint old structures, some of them housing all sorts of stores and shops. Others, like the weathered old structure at the corner of Duke Street, are used as single or multi-family residences.

Commercial Centre

Scores of ante-bellum buildings, some dating back to the 1770's, line the narrow alleys leading up the hill from Thames Street. Many of these buildings are architectural gems, and it is a great pity that nothing has been done to preserve their beauty and make them known to the world.

The erudite secretary of the Newport Historical Society, Charles H.

ZBW RADIO

H.K.T. 6. Programme Summary: 6.01, Children's Story "Peter Duck" by Arthur Hays Sulzberger. 6.15, "The Radio for the Island" read by Captain Flint. 6.30, George Boulanger and His Orchestra. 7.00, World and Home News (London Relay). 7.15, A Piano Recital by Vladimir Horowitz. 7.30, Stage and Screen Favourites presented by Alice Woods (Studio). 8.00, Chamberlain: Impressions d'Italie... Orchestra Symphonique. 8.30, "Merry-Go-Round" (D.B.C.T.S.). 9.00, World and Home News (London Relay). 9.15, Weather Report. 9.16, Hongkong Stage Club Production "The Rose-Hair" Produced by Grant McIntyre. 9.40, London Palladium Orchestra. 10.00, Radio Newswheel (London Relay). 10.15, Bernadette. 10.30, Carroll Gibbons and His Orchestra with Janet Lee (Vocal) (D.B.C.T.S.). 11.00, Close Down.

POCKET CARTOON

by OSBERT LANCASTER



BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

I THINK the phrase "Iceland, Pearl of the North" is what the demurgues of the Food Ministry would call a bit of Iceland cod.

Never believe these comparisons that are made for publicity purposes. "Stockholm, the Venice of the North." What rubbish! I remember, when I was in Bucharest years ago, seeing it described as the "Paris of Eastern Europe." Ye gods! You might as well call Swindon the Vienna of England.

Nothing to do with me

HERE is good news at last. An official leaflet before me says that the short title of the Pin, Hook and Eye, and Snap Fastener Wages Council (Great Britain) Wages Regulation (Holidays) Order, 1946, is to be the Pin, Hook and Eye, and Snap Fastener Wages Council (Great Britain) Wages Regulation (Holidays) Order, 1946, and may be cited as such. I have great pleasure in citing it as such. I wonder which Committee pointed out the advantages of the second title over the first.

Explanation and apology

I AM sorry to say that, owing to the way in which the whole thing has been mismanaged, partly through everything being too confused, and partly owing to the usual difficulty of getting the others into the right order in time, it is impossible to arrange for the first lot to be forwarded as they would have been under different conditions. This does not mean that it is all to be left as it is, but merely that the various things will not be found where they were put at the beginning, when it was still expected to be possible. The other things, in general, will remain where they were before, unless changed.

Tail-piece

WHO said, "Life would be tolerable, if it wasn't for its pleasures"? Nine out of ten of you will at once cry "Oscar Wilde." But it was Talleyrand.

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers

1. Link, chain, furlong, mile.
2. The College of Cardinals.
3. With a special needle, using indelible ink.
4. Damon and Pythias, Alpha and Omega, Samson and Delilah.
5. Hall (Scandinavian).
6. No.



"Did you use your influence to get a low number again?"

FOR THE BUSINESSMAN

Bullish Sentiment In U.S. Cotton Market

New York, Apr. 12.—The cotton market ruled sharply higher today, although the trading volume was somewhat smaller because of recurring scarcity of contracts.

Strength in old crops continued to reflect optimism on export prospects, along with the settlement of the soft coal strike which recently posed as a threat to textile mill operations and

foreshadowed a resultant cut-down in mill use of raw cotton. Bullish sentiment on coal adjustment was tempered, however, by fears that unless the court dismisses contempt charges against labour leader John L. Lewis, miners may decide to walk out again.

Wariness on the part of sellers was increased by expectations that French buyers will be in the market this week for nearly 200,000 bales, along with German inquiries for 40,000 bales and undetermined amounts likely to be sought by other European and Oriental countries scheduled to share in the European Recovery Programme funds.

The New York Cotton Exchange pointed out that market prices now range anywhere from seven and a half to nine cents a pound above bare repossession costs on certain specified qualities, which obviously makes transactions attractive. The Egyptian Government is reported to have issued a decree imposing a tax of two Egyptian pounds on every 100 kilos of Egyptian cotton exported. Shippers here estimated the increased tax at an equivalent to 4½ cents a pound in United States currency.

NEW ORLEANS FUTURES

New Orleans cotton futures closed today at:

May (in cents per lb.)	37.22/24
July	36.57/58
October	35.25
December	34.25
March (1949)	31.82 bid
May	31.60
July	30.69 bid
Spot	37.10

—United Press.

N.Y. FOREIGN EXCHANGE

New York, Apr. 12.—Foreign Exchange, closing rates today were:

Argentine Peso (official)	US\$0.2977
Argentine Peso (unofficial)	0.223
Australia	0.685
Belgium	0.2251/2
Canada	0.914
Chile	0.3338
France	4.015
England	0.6033
Germany	0.3025
India	0.2312
Mexico	0.0700
New Zealand	0.3212
Peru	0.0700
Portugal	0.0381/2
South Africa	0.4015
Sweden	0.2889
Switzerland	0.2424
Uruguay	0.3500
Venezuela	0.3010
Shanghai (C.N.C.1000)	0.000301/2
Netherlands	0.4015
Batavia	0.3785
Singapore	0.4735
Hongkong	0.5000

—United Press.

NEW YORK SILVER

New York, Apr. 12.—Silver, per ounce, as quoted by Messrs. Handy and Harmon:

74½	74½ cents
74½	74½ cents

—United Press.

LONDON SILVER

London, Apr. 12.—Silver, per ounce, as quoted by Messrs. Messers.

45d	45d
45d	45d

—United Press.

New York Sugar Futures

New York, Apr. 12.—Sugar futures ruled reactionarily today, reflecting private estimates placing the probable Cuban crop this year at 6,531,000 short tons, compared with the last record of 6,440,000 tons.

Domestic sugar closed unchanged at one point lower on sales of 148 contracts. World sugar closed two to four points lower on sales of 57 contracts.

Despite the strike of refinery workers, dealers said there were only small delays in making deliveries of refined sugar.

The New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange reported that the spot price for world raw sugar was five points higher at 4.50 cents a pound, F.O.B. Cuba.

Prices closed as follows:

May (in cents per lb.)	4.30 bid
July	4.30 bid
September	4.40 bid
March (1949)	3.91 nominal
May	4.01 nominal

—United Press.

\$60 Million Cotton Credit For Japan

Washington, Apr. 12.—Officials said today that the National Advisory Council, headed by Secretary of the Treasury John Snyder, has approved the plan granting a combined private and government cotton credit of US\$60,000,000 to Japan. They said the agreement was now in the hands of the directors of the Export-Import Bank who must approve the participation of that organization in the credit.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following prices:

Chinese dollars	100,000
Sterling pound notes	13.05
Gold bars	327.50
U.S. dollars	6.59
NEI guilders	6.00
Siam ticals	25.50
Plastres	11.50

Pound Sterling Recovers

Paris, Apr. 12.—The pound sterling recovered more than its official value on the Paris black market today, exceeding the exchange rate of 864 francs to the pound for the first time since the opening of the free market in dollars and Portuguese pseudos on February 5.

The black market price today was 865 francs to the pound, compared with the lowest quotation of 710 francs on February 12 and 610 francs only a week ago.

The pound has been improving steadily since the budget statement by Sir Stafford Cripps, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, on April 6, and the improvement on the Paris market has been accompanied by similar movements in New York and Switzerland.—Reuter.

One Answer To Sokolovsky

WESTERN POWERS TO RE-EQUIP BERLIN'S BIGGEST POWER PLANT

Berlin, Apr. 12.—The Anglo-American authorities have given orders for the immediate re-equipment of Berlin's biggest electric power station, stripped by the Russians in June, 1945, it was announced here tonight.

The announcement was greeted by Berliners as a renewed evidence of the Western powers' determination to stay in Berlin.

Major General N. C. D. Brownjohn, the British Deputy Military Governor, today agreed to the Russian request to withdraw the British automobile aid post on the Berlin-Helmstedt Autobahn.

The agreement, under which the British post was operated like the American, limited its functioning only to the winter months.

General Brownjohn's reply, however, reserved for the British the right to reopen the Autobahn out-post at the start of next winter.

British officials said that the Soviet decision to open on a commercial basis two Russian repair stations along the Autobahn were not expected to be of much assistance to British motor traffic.

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Notice To Shareholders

ADOPTION OF NEW ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, 28th April, 1948, at 12.15 p.m., or at such time as the Ordinary Annual Meeting of Members to be held at the same place at Noon shall terminate, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Special Resolution:—

"That the New Articles of Association produced to the Meeting, and for the purpose of identification subscribed by David Fortune Landale, Chairman of the Company and of the Meeting, be adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all existing Articles of Association of the Company."

A copy of the Proposed New Articles can be inspected by any Shareholder at the Offices of the Company during the usual office hours.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. E. TERRY,
Manager and Secretary.
Hongkong, 5th April, 1948.

NOTICE

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED

Notice To Shareholders

Ordinary Annual Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Fifty-seventh Ordinary Annual Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, 28th April, 1948, at Noon, to receive and consider the Report of the Board of Directors and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1947, to elect Directors and to appoint Auditors.

Closing of Transfer Books
Notice is also given that the Register of Members and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 15th April, 1948, to 28th April, 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. E. TERRY,
Manager and Secretary.
Hongkong, 5th April, 1948.

PREMISES WANTED

ENGLISHMAN, single, 31, quiet habits; in business, requires bed and breakfast. State full particulars Box 113, Hongkong Telegraph.

Fine Export Figures

London, Apr. 12.—Britain's exports in March, at £120 million, were the highest of any month since the war, Mr. Harold Wilson, the President of the Board of Trade, told the House of Commons tonight.

He said the figures were provisional. "This is not only the best postwar month, but with the exception of July, 1920, the highest in value ever recorded," he added, but imports at £178 million were also the highest for several months and, except for last July, and one month of 1920, were the highest ever recorded in British history.—Reuter.

WHALING EXPEDITION RETURNS

Tokyo, Apr. 12.—Japan's 1947-48 Antarctic whaling expedition officially ended today with the arrival of the Nisshin Maru, factory ship of the second of two fleets, which made this year's catch 1,321 whales.

The ship's arrival here ended five months' duty on the Antarctic for three Allied observers who accompanied the fleet to insure compliance with international whaling conventions and occupation directives. They were William M. Terry, who made the cruise last year, Lt. Francois Bourgeois, of the French Navy, and Capt. A. V. Hemming, of the British Royal Navy, retired.

USEFUL CATCH
Officials estimated the season's catch will yield 17,820 metric tons of whale oil, about 35,000 tons of meat and other whale products. They said the whale oil will be offered to the International Emergency Food Council for allocation to oil deficient countries, and that the Council will decide on the amount of oil to be allocated to Japan. Lt. Col. Hubert G. Schenck, chief of General Douglas MacArthur's Natural Resources Section, said only three whales caught by the fleet were of the illegal size or type under the international convention.—United Press.

Lewis Accepts Compromise

Washington, Apr. 12.—Mr. John L. Lewis, leader of the United Mine-workers strike, has accepted a provisional pension plan submitted by Senator Styles Bridges, the "neutral" trustee of the Miners' Welfare Fund, who proposed pensions of \$100 a month for miners over 62 who have served 20 years in the industry and retired after May 23, 1946.

Mr. Lewis had demanded a \$100 pension for miners at 60, with 20 years service, but also wanted all members of the United Mine-workers to be eligible.

The coal operators took the stand that only men employed at those mines which have contributed to the Welfare Fund should be eligible.

The agreement was announced just before Mr. Lewis and his Union were due to appear before a judge for alleged contempt of court for failing to call off the strike.

The settlement of the strike dispute had not purged Mr. Lewis of the charges of contempt of court, however. Federal Judge Goldsborough held the ruling, "absolutely binding" to do with the contempt proceeding, and today ordered Mr. Lewis to face trial on Wednesday morning on the charges.—Reuter.

Family Wiped Out In Plane Crash

Rome, Apr. 12.—Four members of a family—an Italian, his wife and two children—were killed when their small single-engine private plane crashed today into Lake Como near Gando, the Pope's summer residence.—Reuter.

Hard Labour For Eight Indians

Volkstus, Transvaal, Apr. 12.—Eight Indians who yesterday crossed the border from Natal into the Transvaal, by Mr. Manilal Gandhi, a son of the late Mahatma Gandhi, were each sentenced to eight months hard labour here today. They were demonstrating against the laws which restrict the movements of Indians from one province to another. A ninth Indian received a similar sentence, with the addition of "spare diet" and solitary confinement for two days each week during the first month.

Mr. Manilal Gandhi was not arrested but continued his journey to Johannesburg.—Reuter.

Signor De Gasperi Accepts A Challenge

Rome, Apr. 12.—Accepting a challenge from Signor Palmiro Togliatti, the Communist leader, the Italian Prime Minister, Signor Alcide de Gasperi, is to make an election speech tomorrow in Milan, the northern Communist stronghold.

Signor de Gasperi, now touring the country campaigning for next Sunday's general election, was to have spoken in Sicily next, and his sudden change of plans follows Signor Togliatti's hint yesterday that the Premier dared not speak in the northern city.

Italy's pre-election week opened today with a one-hour general "test" strike, called by the Communist-led General Confederation of Labour, to protest against the alleged killing in recent months of 30 Sicilian trade unionists, which has been denied by the Government.

Circles close to the Premier stated that his speech at Milan will be "important." Newspaper reports from Milan today said Signor

Togliatti had a cool reception when he addressed 50,000 people in Milan's Cathedral Square yesterday. Dock workers in Genoa today refused, on union orders, to unload 70 tons of munitions for Italy. Police flying squads, to whom the munitions were intended, unloaded the munitions themselves.

Political observers here today considered the Christian Democrats would probably succeed in winning a majority in the Chamber of Deputies next Sunday, but declined to predict the composition of the Senate.

Under the Constitution, the Cabinet must always be able to count on a vote of confidence from each of the two Chambers.—Reuter.

British Troops Shoot Down Jewish Reconnaissance Plane

Jerusalem, Apr. 12.—British forces, trying to stem the general flareup in Palestine's undeclared civil war, today shot down a Jewish reconnaissance aircraft flying over the scene of a Jewish-Arab gun battle, an official Army source reported.

A patrol of "The Blues"—the druck Life Guards Regiment—shot the plane down near the Jewish settlement of Kfar Etzion, in the Hebrew area of southern Palestine. Jews in the settlement had opened fire on two trucks of King Abdul-lah's Transjordan Arab Legion, which radioed for help. A Life Guards patrol was rushed to the spot and fired on Jewish armoured vehicles and on the attackers in the settlement.

As the gun battle raged, a low-flying Jewish "air observation post," trying to direct the settlement's fire, appeared overhead and circled the Life Guards.

The British troopers opened up with automatic weapons and sent the plane crashing over the settlement. No details of casualties have so far been reported.

PALESTINE FIGHTING
Fighting was reported from north to south Palestine today as feeling ran high among the Arabs after their leaders had denounced the massacre by Iraqi Jews of 200 Arabs—men, women and children—in the village of their Yassin, near Jerusalem, on Friday.

There was no confirmation of reports that the Inspector General of the "Arab Liberation Army," General Ismail Safwat, had arrived in Palestine. He was reported to have crossed the northern frontier with a strong escort and to have toured Arab bases.

Mined road and blasted telephone lines have held up further news from the north of an attack by several thousand Iraqis of the "Arab Liberation Army" on the Jewish settlement of Mishmar Haemek, reported by the Jews last night. Near Kastel, which dominates the Jewish convoy lifeline from Tel Aviv and has changed hands four times in a week, Hagannah Radio reported fighting in the Arab village of Calana, west of Jerusalem. Hagannah claimed to have "completed the destruction" of the village and to have killed a British and an Iraqi officer fighting with the Arabs. They also said they had killed the Arab "gangs" holding the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv highway stronghold.

VILLAGE ATTACKED
The Arab village of Calana, whose capture by the Jews was later confirmed, had been under heavy Jewish attack. The Jews blew up a number of houses following its capture, it was officially reported.

Calana is a mile from Mount Kastel, which is the focal point of the Jewish and Arab battles for the control of the Western approaches to the Holy City.

Hagannah forces penetrated the Arab town of Ramleh and a number of Arab villages on the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem highway today in an operation designed to loosen the Arab grip on Jewish communications between the two cities. They withdrew after carrying out searches.

Bevin To Review World Situation

London, Apr. 12.—The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, is expected to review the world situation with particular reference to the Marshall Plan arrangements, the Western Union, and the occupying powers, relations in launching a two-day debate, Parliamentary foreign affairs debate, probably in the last week of this month.

There is increasing pressure from the rank and file Members of all parties for the discussion of the resolution demanding a full European Union, which, tabled some weeks ago, has now been signed by 150 Labour, Conservative, Liberal and Independent Members.—Reuter.

MANILA DEPORTS SEVEN CHINESE

Manila, Apr. 12.—Seven Chinese, including two young women, were deported by the immigration authorities during the weekend, it was reported today.

The women, aged 18 and 24, were found to be of questionable morals, while the men were found to have no more right to remain.

All the seven arrived in the Philippines last January as temporary visitors.—Reuter.

FIRE MAKES 100 HOMELESS

Manila, Apr. 12.—Manila's most heavily populated district of Tondo was last night the scene of a fire which destroyed eight make-shift houses and rendered about 100 people homeless.

While no casualties were reported, the damage was estimated by the police at US\$40,000.—Reuter.

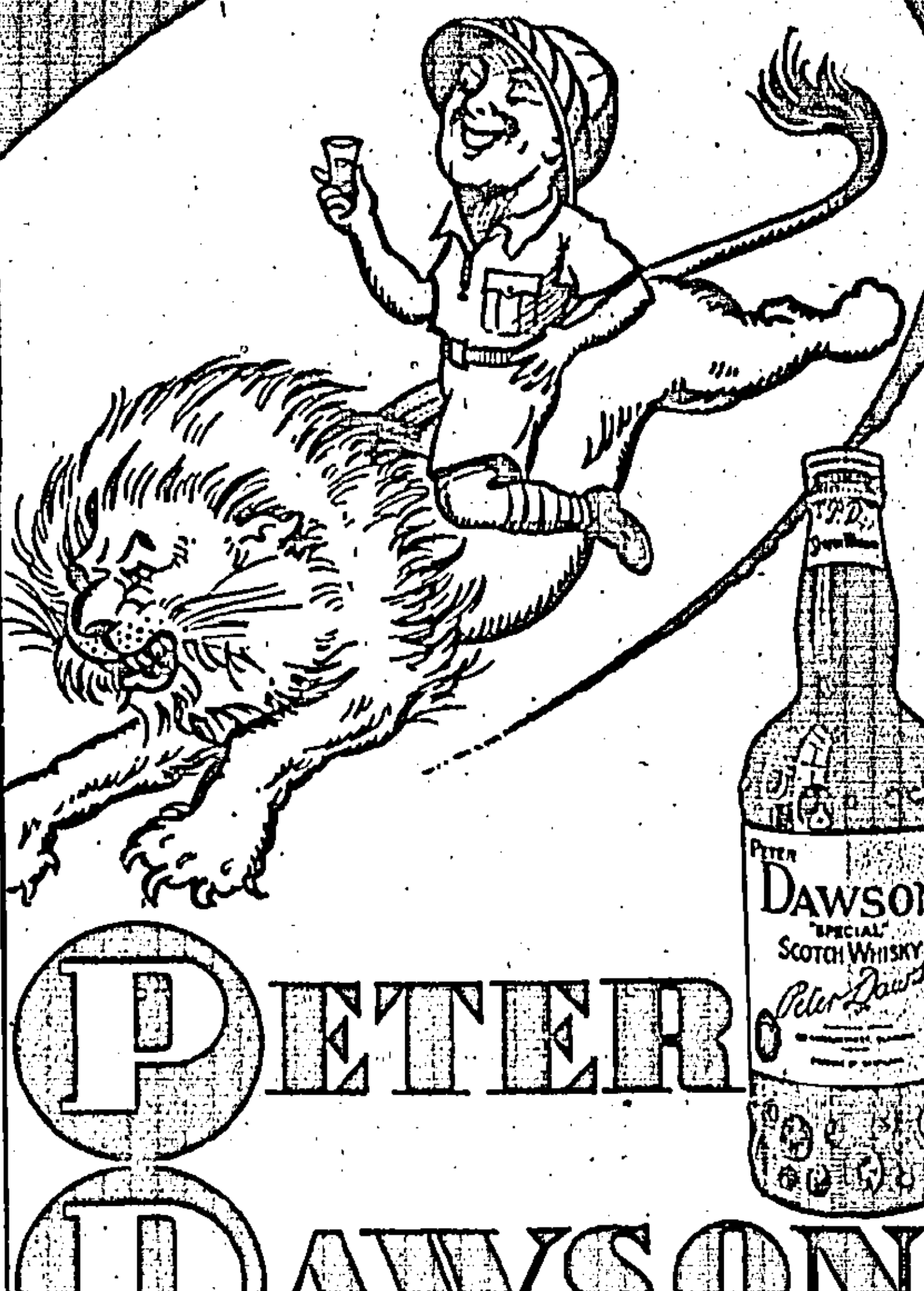
Note On Trieste

Belgrade, Apr. 12.—The United States Ambassador, Mr. Cavendish Cannon, told tonight that the Yugoslav Foreign Ministry handed him a note regarding Trieste.

Mr. Cannon declined to disclose the contents immediately but the Yugoslav Foreign Ministry called a press conference to give the details.—Associated Press.

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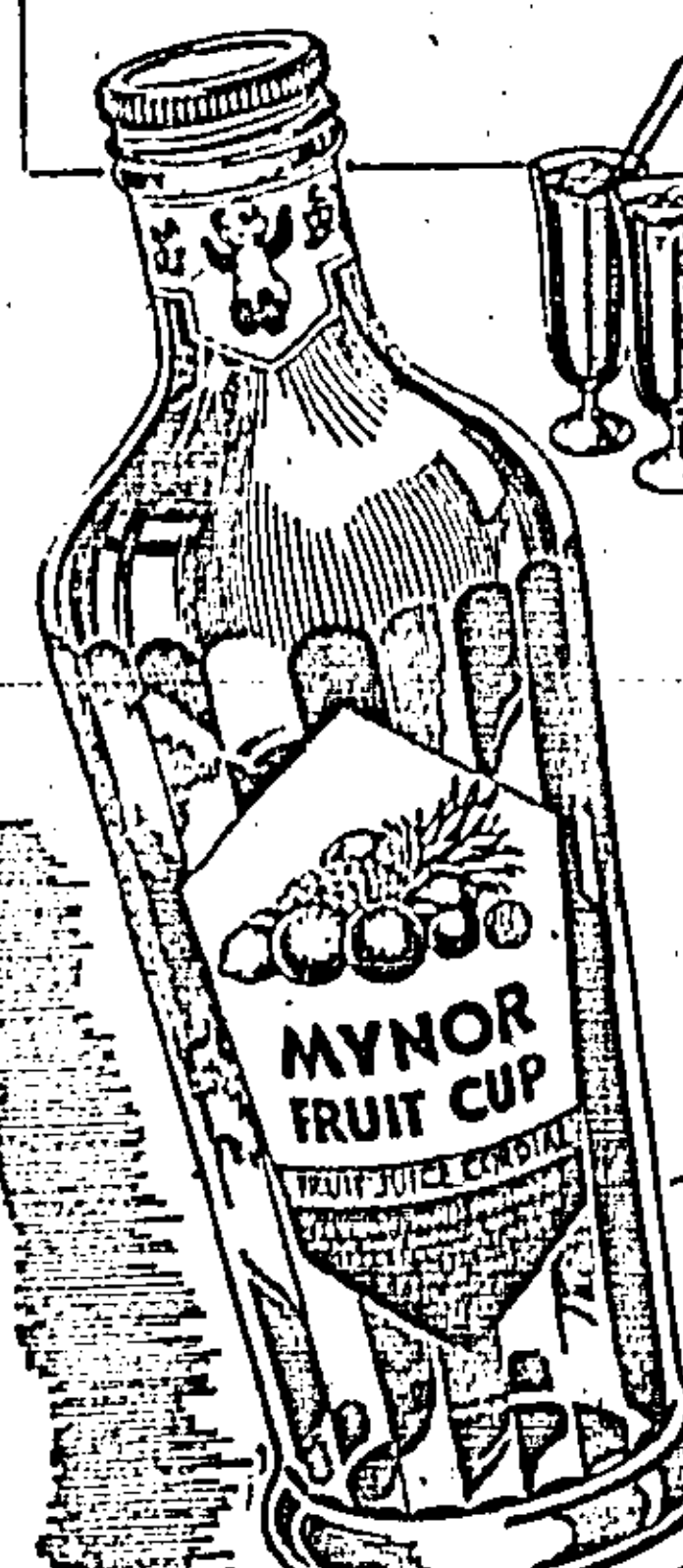
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